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OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT *to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.* Passed April 9, 1839.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. Robert R. Roberts, Joshua Soule, Elijah Hedding, James O. Andrew, Beverly Waugh, Thomas A. Morris, Daniel Ostrander, Nathan Bangs, Thomas Mason, George Lane, Francis Hall, Joseph Smith, Peter Badeau, D. M. Reese, M. D., George Innis, M. Houseworth, Philip Romaine, L. S. Burling, J. P. Aimes, John Valentine, William Gale, Abraham Stagg, Erastus Hyde, Henry Moore, James Harper, Thomas Brown, Peter Macnamara, William B. Skidmore, Stephen Dando, J. B. Oakley, Henry Worrall, George Suckley, T. Barrett, M. D., G. Coutant, J. L. Phelps, M. D., B. F. Howe, Israel D. Disosway, G. P. Disosway, Benjamin Disbrow, Ralph Mead, Jotham S. Fountain, Samuel Martin; and all persons who now are, or hereafter may become, associated with them, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and by that name and style be capable of purchasing, holding, and conveying, such real estate as the purposes of the Corporation shall require; but the annual income of the real estate to be held by them shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

§ 2. The object of the said Corporation is to diffuse more generally the blessings of education, civilization, and Christianity throughout the United States, and elsewhere.

§ 3. The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, to be elected annually on the third Monday in April in the city of New-York.

§ 4. The persons named in the first section of this Act shall be the first Board of Managers of such Corporation, and shall hold their offices until the next annual election, or until others shall be elected in their places.

§ 5. The said Corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the liabilities imposed in and by the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

§ 6. The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT *for the relief of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.* Passed April 6, 1850.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated on the 9th April, 1839, shall be capable of taking, holding, or receiving any real estate, by virtue of any devise contained in any last will and testament of any person whatsoever, the clear annual income of which devise shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars: Provided, no person leaving a wife, or child, or parent, shall devise to such corporation more than one fourth of his or her estate, after the payment of his or her debts; and such devise shall be valid to the extent of such one fourth; and no such devise shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least two months before the death of the testator.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART I, CHAPTER XVIII, THIRD TITLE OF ART. 3.

Of the General Powers, Privileges, and Liabilities of Corporations.

§ 1. Every Corporation, as such, has power :

1. To have succession, by its corporate name, for the period limited in its charter ; and when no period is limited, perpetually.
2. To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in any court of law or equity.
3. To make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure.
4. To hold, purchase, and convey such real and personal estate as the purposes of the Corporation shall require, not exceeding the amount limited in its charter.
5. To appoint such subordinate officers and agents as the business of the Corporation shall require, and to allow them a suitable compensation.
6. To make by-laws, not inconsistent with any existing law, for the management of its property, the regulation of its affairs, and for the transfer of its stock.

§ 2. The powers enumerated in the preceding section shall vest in every Corporation that shall hereafter be created, although they may not be specified in its charter, or in the act under which it shall be incorporated.

§ 3. In addition to the powers enumerated in the first section of this title, and to those expressly given in its charter, or in the act under which it is or shall be incorporated, no Corporation shall possess or exercise any corporate powers, except such as shall be necessary to the exercise of the powers so enumerated and given.

§ 4. No Corporation created, or to be created, and not expressly incorporated for banking purposes, shall, by any implication or construction, be deemed to possess the power of discounting bills, notes, or other evidences of debt ; of receiving deposits ; of buying gold and silver, bullion, or foreign coins ; of buying and selling bills of exchange, or of issuing bills, notes, or other evidences of debt, upon loan, or for circulation as money.

§ 5. Where the whole capital of a Corporation shall not have been paid in, and the capital paid shall be insufficient to satisfy the claims of its creditors, each stockholder shall be bound to pay, on each share held by him, the sum necessary to complete the amount of such share, as fixed by the charter of the Company, or such proportion of that sum as shall be required to satisfy the debts of the Company.

§ 6. When the corporate powers of any Corporation are directed by its charter to be exercised by any particular body, or number of persons, a majority of such body, or persons, if it be not otherwise provided in the charter, shall be a sufficient number to form a board for the transaction of business; and every decision of a majority of the persons duly assembled as a board, shall be valid as a corporate act.

§ 7. If any Corporation hereafter created by the Legislature shall not organize and commence the transaction of its business within one year from the date of its incorporation, its corporate powers shall cease.

§ 8. The charter of every Corporation that shall hereafter be granted by the Legislature, shall be subject to alteration, suspension, and repeal, in the discretion of the Legislature.

§ 9. Upon the dissolution of any Corporation created, or to be created, and unless other persons shall be appointed by the Legislature, or by some court of competent authority, the directors or managers of the affairs of such Corporation at the time of its dissolution, by whatever name they may be known in law, shall be the trustees of the creditors and stockholders of the Corporation dissolved, and shall have full power to settle the affairs of the Corporation, collect and pay the outstanding debts, and divide among the stockholders the moneys and other property that shall remain after the payment of debts and necessary expenses.

§ 10. The persons so constituted trustees shall have authority to sue for, and recover, the debts and property of the dissolved Corporation, by the name of the trustees of such Corporation, and shall have full power to settle the affairs of the Corporation, describing it by its corporate name, and shall be jointly and severally responsible to the creditors and stockholders of such Corporation to the extent of its property and effects that shall come into their hands.

AN ACT to amend "*An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*" Passed June 30, 1853.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. The third section of "*An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*" passed April 9, 1839, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 3. The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, to be annually elected at a meeting of the Society to be called for that purpose, and held in the city of New-York, at such time and on such notice as the Board of Managers for the time being shall previously prescribe: such Board shall consist of not less than thirty-two lay members, and of so many clerical members, not exceeding that number, as shall be determined upon at such annual meeting, and each of whom shall be a minister, in good and regular standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancy that may happen, until the ensuing annual election. Thirteen members of the Board at any meeting thereof, shall be a sufficient number for the transaction of business; and at any meeting of the Society, twenty-five members of the Society shall be a sufficient quorum.

STATE OF NEW-YORK, }
SECRETARY'S OFFICE. }

I have compared the preceding with the several original laws on file in this office, and I have also compared the preceding extract with Title III of Part I of Chapter XVIII, as found at page 731 in volume one of the third edition of the Revised Statutes, and do hereby certify that the same are correct transcripts from their respective originals and of the whole of said originals.

Given under my hand and seal of office at the City of
Albany, this twenty-fourth day of
[L. S.] June, in the year one thousand
eight hundred and fifty-six.

N. P. STANTON, JR.,
Dep. Secretary of State.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

AS REVISED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1856.

ARTICLE I.

THIS association, denominated "THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," is established for the express purpose of enabling the several annual conferences more effectually to extend their missionary labors throughout the United States and elsewhere; and also to assist in the support and promotion of missionary schools and missions in our own and in foreign countries.

ARTICLE II.

The payment of twenty dollars at one time shall constitute a member for life. Any person paying one hundred and fifty dollars at one time into the treasury shall be an honorary manager for life; and the contribution of five hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an honorary patron for life: both of whom shall be entitled to a seat and the right of speaking, but not of voting, in the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE III.

The management and disposition of the affairs and property of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-two laymen, all being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and so many clerical members, not exceeding that number, as shall be determined at each annual meeting called for that purpose, each of whom shall be a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and all of whom, both the lay and clerical members, shall be elected at the said annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the General Conference. He shall reside in New-York, and con-

duct the correspondence of the Society, under the direction of the Board. He shall be subject to the direction and control of the Board of Managers, by whom his salary is to be fixed and paid. He shall be exclusively employed in conducting the correspondence of the Society, and, under the direction of the Board, in promoting its general interests, by traveling or otherwise. Should his office become vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board shall have power to provide for the duties of the office until the bishops, or a majority of them, shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE V.

The Board shall have authority to appoint all the officers required by the charter, and to make by-laws for regulating its own proceedings; to appropriate money to defray incidental expenses; to provide for the support of superannuated missionaries, widows and orphans of missionaries, who may not be provided for by their annual conferences respectively—it being understood that they shall not receive more than is allowed by the Discipline to other superannuated ministers, their widows and orphans; and to print books for the benefit of Indian and Foreign Missions, and missions in which a foreign language is used; fill vacancies that may occur in their own body during the year; and shall present a statement of its transactions and funds to the Society at its annual meeting, and also shall lay before the General Conference a report of its transactions for the four preceding years, and the state of its funds.

ARTICLE VI.

The annual meeting, for the election of officers and managers, shall be held on the third Monday in November, in the city of New-York, and the term of the service of the officers and managers so elected shall commence January first following.

ARTICLE VII.

At all meetings of the Society, and of the Board, the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President first on the list then present, and in the absence of all the Vice-Presidents, a member appointed by the meeting for that purpose, shall preside.

ARTICLE VIII.

Twenty-five members at each meeting of the Society, and thirteen at each meeting of the Board of Managers, shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting at which the minutes are read and approved.

ARTICLE X.

It is recommended, that within the bounds of each annual conference there be established a Conference Missionary Society, auxiliary to this institution, under such regulations as the conferences shall respectively prescribe.

ARTICLE XI.

Any auxiliary society or donor may designate the mission or missions, under the care of this Society, to which they desire any part or the whole of its funds to be appropriated; which special designation shall be publicly acknowledged by the Board. But in the event that more funds are raised for any particular mission than are necessary for its support, the surplus shall be at the disposal of the Society for its general purposes.

ARTICLE XII.

The annual conferences shall be divided into as many mission districts as there are effective superintendents, and there shall be a committee, consisting of one from each mission district, to be appointed by the bishops, and to be called *the General Missionary Committee*. It shall be the duty of this committee to meet annually in the city of New-York, between the 1st and 15th of November, as shall be determined by the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, to act jointly with the Board of Managers, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, in fixing the amount which may be drawn for during the ensuing year, and the division of said amount between foreign and domestic missions. Said committee shall, with the concurrence of the Board of Managers, and with the concurrence of at least two of the bishops, determine what fields shall be occupied or continued as foreign missions, and the number of persons to be employed on said missions, and shall, in conjunction with the Board, estimate the sums necessary for the support of each mission, subject to the approval of two or more of the bishops. Said committee, with the concurrence of the Board and bishops as aforesaid, shall determine the amount for which each bishop may draw for the domestic missions of those conferences over which he shall preside, and he shall not draw on the Treasurer for more than said amount.

Provided nevertheless, that in the intervals between the meetings of the General Missionary Committee, the Board of Managers, with the concurrence of the bishop who has charge

or is to have charge of the work proposed, may, if they shall deem it important, adopt a new missionary field, and also provide for any unforeseen emergency that may arise; and to meet such demands, may expend any additional sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Should any of the members of said committee, in the interval of the General Conference, go out of office by death, resignation, or otherwise, the bishop presiding in the conferences where the vacancy shall occur, shall appoint another to fill his place.

Said committee to be amenable to the General Conference, to which it shall make full reports of its doings.

Any expense incurred in the discharge of its duties shall be met by the Treasurer of the Society.

ARTICLE XIII.

The sums allowed for the support of a missionary shall not exceed the usual allowance of other itinerant preachers. The bishop, or president of the conference, (if the mission be domestic,) and the superintendent, where there is one, and if not, the missionary, (if it be foreign,) shall draw on the treasurer for the same, in quarterly or half-yearly installments, and they shall always promptly notify the Treasurer of all drafts made by them.

ARTICLE XIV.

Each superintendent of missions, and where there is no superintendent, each missionary, shall make a regular quarterly report to the Corresponding Secretary at New-York, giving information of the state and prospects of the several missions under his care.

ARTICLE XV.

Each missionary shall report to his superintendent once a quarter, in writing, the state and prospects of the special work in which he is engaged.

ARTICLE XVI.

No one shall be acknowledged a missionary, or receive support from the funds of this Society, who has not some definite field assigned to him, or who could not be an effective laborer on a circuit, except as provided for in Article V.

ARTICLE XVII.

This Constitution shall not be altered but by the General Conference, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, or by the Board, on the recommendation of the General Conference.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

I. THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

The Presiding Officer shall preserve order; keep the speaker to the point under consideration; and appoint committees not otherwise provided for. He shall not take part in debate, nor propose any new measure, unless he first leave the chair. In case of an equal division on any question, he shall give the casting vote, and may assign his reasons.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of all the receipts and disbursements; answer all orders of the Board on the treasury; exhibit the state of the funds to such auditing committee as shall be appointed by the Board, and shall report monthly the state of the treasury. The Assistant Treasurer shall be subject to the direction of the Treasurer and of the Board of Managers. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall each keep the accounts of his receipts, by conferences, and of his expenditures, by missions.

The Corresponding Secretary at New-York shall keep a vigilant eye upon the missions, and convey to the superintendents having charge of the foreign missions respectively, to the Board, or the standing committees, all such communications from, and all information concerning our missions, both foreign and domestic, as the circumstances of the case may require, and shall in all cases give to such missionaries as may be sent out by the Board, as well as to such as are now in the missionary field, the Manual of Instructions authorized by the Board, with such other instructions and explanations as the peculiarity of circumstances may call for, and shall explicitly inform all our missionaries that they are in no case to depart from such instructions.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of all the meetings of the Board and of the Society, and notify all meetings of the Board and of the Society. He shall also certify to the Treasurer, or to the Auditing Committee, as the case may require, all accounts which have been passed by the Board and ordered for payment.

II. ORGANIZATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES, AND THEIR DUTIES.

On the first meeting of the Board after the annual election, the following standing committees shall be appointed :

1. The Estimating Committee, whose duty it shall be to make an estimate of the salary payable to any person engaged, not in the missions, but in the immediate service of this Board; and also, estimates for such incidental expenditures as may have no special relation to any particular mission, and which may be referred to them by the Board, or Treasurer, or Secretary.

2. The Finance Committee. Duty, to aid the Treasurer in providing ways and means.

3. The African Committee. Duty, to take into consideration all matters relating to missions in Africa, which may be referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

4. The Spanish Committee shall take into consideration all matters relating to any of our missions in which the Spanish language is or may be used, which may be referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

5. The China Committee. Duty, to take into consideration all matters relating to missions in China, which may be referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

6. The Western Europe Committee shall take into consideration all matters relating to missions in Europe, (except such as may be within the limits of Turkey,) which may be referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

7. The India and Turkey Committee shall take into consideration all matters relating to missions which are contemplated, or may be hereafter established, in either of these countries.

8. The Pacific Committee shall take into consideration all matters relating to missions on the Pacific coast, or in any islands in the Pacific Ocean, which may be referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

9. The Indian Committee shall take into consideration all matters relating to our Indian missions, which may be referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

10. Committee on Foreign Population. Duty, to take into consideration all matters relating to missions among foreign populations in the United States, which may be referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

11. The Committee on Domestic Missions. Duty, to take into consideration all matters relating to the domestic field, which may be referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

12. The Legacy Committee. Duty, to take into consideration all bequests made to the Society, and referred to them by the Board, or the Corresponding Secretary.

13. The Publishing Committee. Duty, to publish as instructed by the Board.

14. The Auditing Committee. Duty, to adjust such accounts as may be referred to them by the Board.

Each committee shall organize by the appointment of a Chairman and Secretary. The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all the business brought before the committee, and the disposition of the same, in a book kept for that purpose, which shall be brought to the regular meetings of the Board: and may hold a regular meeting once in each month, or meet at the call of the Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer.

Each committee having charge of a particular mission, shall make out estimates for the mission under its charge, to be laid before the General Missionary Committee and Board, at their joint annual meeting, to guide them in making the estimates for the succeeding year.

The Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Superintendent of Foreign Missions, shall be *ex-officio* members of all the standing committees.

III. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND RULES OF DEBATE.

1. REGULAR MEETINGS.

1. The Board shall hold their regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the committee room.

2. All meetings of the Board shall open with religious exercises, and close with prayer or the benediction, under the direction of the Chairman.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting to be read, and when approved, to be signed by the presiding officer.

2. The Corresponding Secretary to present his report.

3. The Treasurer's report.

4. Reports from the standing committees, in the following order: Estimating; Finance; African; Spanish; China; Western Europe; India and Turkey; Pacific and Islands; Indian; Foreign Populations; Domestic Missions; Legacy; Publications; Auditing. The report to be made by simply reading the minutes of their proceedings, upon which the Board shall take such action as the case may require.

5. Reports of special committees.

6. Unfinished business.

7. Any miscellaneous matters.

The Board shall appoint, in the month of September in each year, a committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting, and for the anniversary:

3. RULES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

1. A motion being made, seconded, and stated from the Chair, shall be considered in possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn by the mover before any order may be taken on it; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the presiding officer, or any other member, require it.

2. A motion to amend shall be considered first in order, and shall be decided before the original one.

3. Every member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Chair; and no one shall speak more than once on one question, until every member desiring to speak shall have spoken; and no member shall speak over fifteen minutes without the permission of the Board.

4. A motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

5. When a report is presented by a committee, it shall be considered in possession of the Board, and may be adopted, amended, recommitted, laid on the table, or indefinitely postponed, as the Board may judge proper.

6. It shall always be deemed out of order to use personal reflections in debate, or to interrupt a speaker, except to explain, or call him to order.

7. It shall be deemed out of order for any member to leave the meeting without the permission of the Chair or the Board.

8. A motion to adjourn shall always be considered in order, and shall be taken without debate.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board, and ordered to be published in the Annual Report, namely:

“Resolved, That the chairmen of the standing committees be required to return all documents submitted to them by the Corresponding Secretary, after the final action of the Board in relation to them; and that he be expected to keep them on separate files.”

MEETING OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

THE General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its annual session on Wednesday, November 12, and closed on Friday evening, November 14, having, in an interview with the Board and bishops, obtained the unanimous concurrence of both to their doings. It is due to the Church that we indicate the views and action of the committee.

The first item was the report of the Treasurer, by which it appeared that the total receipts, as realized and estimated for the current year, were \$215,913 84; and that the actual deficit this year, as compared with the same period last year, is \$40,726 10. This report from the treasury, immediately raised the question of retrenchment, and yet so deep was the conviction that the Church would be dissatisfied with a reduction in her missionary work, that the committee informally dropped the consideration of the question, and commenced making the appropriations to maintain our missionary work on its present scale. It was not thought advisable to provide for an enlargement over last year's scheme, but in the place of this, to look to a liquidation of the debt of the treasury this year, so as to leave the General Committee at liberty next year to devise plans of enlargement of the missionary fields, or, at least, an enlarged appliance of missionary aid in the fields now occupied; and particularly our domestic fields under the care of the several annual conferences. In pursuance of this tacit conclusion, the committee proceeded to make appropriations for the service in our Liberia Mission Conference, on the western coast of Africa. A very interesting conversation arose upon the affairs of this conference, in which the instructions sent out by authority of the Board were called for; from these it appeared that the Board had directed the Conference to change its manner of making estimates, and to commence by ascertaining what each Church or charge in Africa could contribute toward the support of its missionary pastor, and then ask the Board for the remainder, which they judged necessary to give a reasonable support to the pastor. This plan of estimating changes the basis, and requires our missions in Liberia to begin by helping themselves, if it be but to the extent of a single dollar, with the hope that they will grow into self-supporting Churches, at least to a good extent. The General Missionary Committee heartily concurred in this policy, and ordered, by resolution, that these instructions be repeated, and insisted on by the Board. Upon a careful review of the wants of Liberia, particularly as our seminary at Cape Palmas was now completed and furnished to some extent, and our Manual Labor School at White Plains far advanced in its buildings and improvements, the committee found it practicable to reduce the aggregate appropriation to Africa from \$31,000 to \$27,757, and yet give the work in Africa good support.

The meeting regarded with much care the estimates sent forward by the committee from China. These were made in view of the previous decision to strengthen the mission by the addition of one more family, which would make four mission families; and the addition of three female teachers to relieve the present missionaries, who now teach the mission schools to a great degree. To this extent the committee felt bound to provide for the China Mission, but could not enlarge further, and cannot until the debt of the treasury shall be liquidated. The appropriations for service in China for 1857 are \$10,000.

At no time during their deliberations did the committee regret the pressure upon them of the debt of the treasury, more than when they came to consider the Foreign German Mission. The Mission Conference in Germany asked the committee to enlarge the appropriations so as to enable them to occupy the city of Berlin, in Prussia, and the German cantons of Switzerland. This would require an increase of two thousand dollars in the appropriations. We wish the whole Church could have looked upon the committee at this moment, and felt its pulse quiver under the alternate forces of desire and fear: desire to enable the brethren in Germany to enlarge their missions, and fear of increasing our debt, and compelling retrenchment next year. We are sure that if the Church could have been brought into sympathy with the committee, she would have felt mortified that she had not supplied the necessary funds to enable the administration to carry on her missions on an enlarged scale. The brethren in Germany also set before the committee the urgent necessity of procuring a suitable lot in Bremerhaven for a chapel. But the committee could only provide for the work on its present scale. The aggregate appropriation was, therefore, \$10,000.

The new mission to Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, or ancient Scandinavia, is very analogous to our mission in Germany. It sprang from conversions in our Swedish Mission in New-York. Some of these converts returned to Norway and Sweden, and began to preach the Gospel to the people as they had learned it in our mission here, and the fruits were similar to the fruits of early Methodism in Europe and America. The committee and Board, upon hearing of this work, authorized the bishop to send authorized and true men to them, and thus the mission was organized, and recently a Church formally established, according to the tolerant laws of Norway. During the current year Brother Willerup was sent out as superintendent, and there is every promise of a rapid spread of the work. The committee felt strongly impelled to provide to some extent for this enlargement, but could only appropriate \$3,000. This will enable the brethren to stand fast on their present position, and to employ one more single man. Will the Church allow this work to be cramped next year? Her contributions on this year are the only answer that can be taken, and must decide the question at the meeting of the committee next year.

The committee could not hesitate to grant the aid of \$5,000 to our brethren in France, as we have done for several years. They need it, and they are a living bond of union between us and our British brethren, as they are our common representative in France. We must keep the Protestant flame burning in France as brightly as circumstances will allow.

There was a strong conviction that we ought to strengthen our mission in South America up to the point hitherto provided for; particularly in view of sustaining the large mission school which Rev. Mr. Carrow commenced, and which is now under the more immediate supervision of Rev. H. G. Nicholson. The Board, therefore, appropriated \$3,500, the half of which may be raised in South America.

It is well understood that the mission in Buenos Ayres pays the current expenses of the mission in the city, and has done so for many years.

Owing to the condition of Central America, the bishops expressed a desire to have a credit of \$2,000, to be used in case a promising opening occurred, and the right man or men were available. It was granted. In this simple request and grant the Church may see the great value of her missionary cause. The bishops, who are the chief shepherds of the Church, and assign her ministers to their work generally, have a wider and more correct view of the field than any others can have. And when they see effectual doors opened, and have the men to appoint, should not the Church enable the General Missionary Committee and Board to place the funds at their command to sustain the work?

Our new mission in India elicited much feeling in the committee. We felt we had made a beginning, as we doubted not Brother Butler was now in India, and knew that Brother and Sister Pierce were to follow in the spring. We hoped another family might be added, and go out with Brother Pierce. The committee provided for service in this mission this year only \$7,500. The Church must remember that when it is fully instituted, and all appliances of a mission required, the appropriation must be enlarged.

The project of a new mission in Bulgaria, in European Turkey, elicited much interest for various reasons. We had been invited by a sister society to enter and occupy this field. It is deemed a very promising field, and, in a missionary aspect, is the key to Hungary and Poland, in both of which there is a large Protestant element; and it is the key to Southern Russia, and to the Sclavonian portion of the Greek Church. Besides, the Bulgarians are settled compactly between the Danube and the Balkan Mountains, and extend from the Gulf of Varna on the Black Sea, westward to Bosnia and Servia, and, indeed, nearly to the Adriatic. They are a mild, contemplative people, like the Armenians, among whom the American Board has had so great success; and they are inclined to receive a Protestant mission, and have repeatedly sent a request to the Protestant missions in Turkey to come to them. Their chief clergy, the bishops, are Greeks, and are not liked by them; and everything gives promise of success, so far as the Bulgarians are concerned. Since the close of the Eastern war they have renewed their request for a Protestant mission, and the request has been renewed to us to enter and occupy the field. The British and Foreign Bible Society is now about to issue another edition of the New Testament in Bulgarian, and this is a good occasion and auxiliary with which to begin the mission. The country is healthy and populous, and full of towns and villages. Under these circumstances the committee felt bound to renew the appropriation of \$5,000 to institute this mission. We look to the Church to furnish the money, and to the bishop having charge, to find and appoint the men, and thus give us a position and part in the great work of regenerating the East, and restoring a pure Christianity upon the ruins of the Mohammedan religion.

The attention of the committee was next called to peoples in our own country, who do not speak the English language. Of these the Germans are the most numerous and important. The missions among them constantly tend toward self-supporting Churches, and not a few of them have become self-supporting; and all of them make good returns to the missionary treasury. Yet a feeling of doubt prevailed, to some extent, in the committee, whether the German missions did not rely a little too much on the missionary treasury; and we feel free to say so, as the Church is a common interest, and ought to know what is going on in her

bosom. And we do this the more freely that our German missions may look still more carefully and seriously into their ability to help themselves. The German work extends from the Atlantic to the extreme northwest and southwest, and into California, and is, indeed, a glory in the Church. It is under the care of nine annual conferences; is divided into seventeen presiding-elder districts, and employs over two hundred and fifty men. The committee made an aggregate appropriation of \$46,000.

The European populations, other than Germans, are not so numerous, and are more scattered. They are the Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, French, and Welsh, and are found in twelve different conferences. Our largest and most promising interests, among all these foreign populations, are among the Scandinavians in the Northwest, and in the Swedish mission in New-York. For all these the committee appropriated \$14,650, to be administered by the several conferences having charge of these missions.

The committee turned to our Indian missions with fear, which ripened into deep regret upon a calm inquiry into their condition. The result was a conviction that we ought to adhere to the policy heretofore adopted, of reducing their number, and concentrating them at much fewer points, and thus increase their efficiency, and lessen their expense. The committee allow \$10,350 for service in our Indian missions for 1857.

Having provided for our foreign work, and for the missions in which a language not English is spoken, under the care of the conferences severally, the committee proceeded to consider what they could grant to each annual conference, toward carrying on the English domestic missions within its bounds. This gave rise to a very interesting conversation, in which it was apparent that, in some sections of our Church, the foreign missions were regarded with the greater favor; in others, the domestic. The conclusion evidently was, that each was important, and, both conjoined, necessary to elicit the life and action of the Church. During this conversation it appeared that the administration of the local missionary authorities in some Churches was not in accordance with the provisions in the Discipline, inasmuch as funds raised on the general credit and authority of the missionary cause of the Church were not always paid into the treasury of the Parent Society, but appropriated independently of it. This practice gave the committee evident concern, and was regarded as one of the causes of the deficiency in the treasury. The general opinion prevailed in the committee, and was earnestly expressed and commended by Bishop Waugh, that all moneys raised on the general credit of the missionary cause of the Church, as authorized in the Discipline, belongs sacredly, and of right, to the treasury of the Parent Society. Yet the committee appeared to be as clearly of opinion, that any Church, or any members of any Church, were not only at liberty to raise funds specifically for any specific Church object, but that they ought to be encouraged and assisted so to do, the object to be supported being a legitimately authorized interest of the Church. But Bishop Waugh very clearly and forcibly insisted that all such local and specific action of the Church should take an appropriate name to designate it, and such a one as would not confound it with the general Missionary Society of the Church. In this view the committee seemed to concur; and we hope it will be generally accepted by the Church, and her missionary administration, in all its parts, be made to conform to the provisions of the Discipline.

The committee, after this conversation, proceeded to grant appropriations to the several annual conferences, to aid them in their English domestic missions, which

amounted in the aggregate to \$95,100. To the appropriations named above were added the contingent fund, under the constitution, to enable the Board to meet any emergencies which may arise, \$10,000; and the expense of administration, including all salaries, traveling expenses, etc., \$5,143, which is not quite two per cent. on the aggregate appropriation for 1857 of \$255,000. To this is to be added the existing deficiency of \$40,000, which will require a total of \$295,000 to place the missionary cause out of danger.

During the various discussions in the committee, an impression came to prevail, that frequently a mission had been instituted among a mere handful of foreigners, or a small band of Indians, or in a sparse and unpromising neighborhood, and under such circumstances as not to give much promise of permanent success. It was not doubted but that the best of motives prompted the institution of such missions; but the committee was clearly of opinion that it was a waste of missionary money, and involved unfaithfulness to the Church. So seriously did the committee regard this question, that it passed the following resolution unanimously:

Resolved, That this joint General Missionary Committee respectfully, but earnestly request the bishops at their several conferences, to ask the serious attention of the proper missionary authorities of said conferences in instituting missions under their care, especially to foreign populations, to inquire whether there is good reason to believe that the fruits of such missions severally will be permanent in the form of living Churches, and with some hope of becoming self-sustaining.

Thus we have given the Church a candid and clear insight into the doings of the General Missionary Committee at its late session, and we hope for the verdict of our readers in favor of the conclusions of the committee, which have received the approbation of the Board and of the bishops without dissent. But we should fail in our duty if we did not say distinctly, that the committee was of opinion, upon separating, that if the deficiency in the treasury should continue to accumulate as it has done the last two years, the scale of our missionary operations must be reduced at the next meeting. This is inevitable.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

For several years past the Board has judged it best to hold the Anniversary of the Parent Society in cities distant from New-York, that the missionary cause might address itself more directly to the whole Church. At the close of the last year it was thought advisable to hold the anniversary again in New-York and its vicinity, and thus, by a vigorous movement, to awaken afresh an increased interest in the cause. The month of November was chosen, because of the meeting of the General Missionary Committee and bishops from the 12th to the 20th of November. Accordingly, the Board appointed a committee of arrangements consisting of Rev. W. H. Norris, Chairman, Rev. Dr. J. T. Peck, Secretary, F. Hall, M. F. Odell, W. W. Cornell, Esqrs., and the Rev. Thomas Carlton, Treasurer, and Rev. J. P. Durbin, Corresponding Secretary. It is proper to say, that while all the members of the committee rendered good service, the cause is specially indebted to the chairman and secretary of the committee, and to Brother Odell, particularly in reference to the arrangement of the Sunday-school services in the anniversary.

The plan of the anniversary embraced New-York, Brooklyn, and Newark, N. J., and the services consisted of missionary sermons in the several Methodist Episcopal churches, Sunday morning at half past ten o'clock, November 16. By this simultaneous proclamation of the cause from the pulpit, by the bishops and by brethren from a distance, and by resident pastors, a wide and deep interest was awakened. The Sunday-school services were held on Sunday, at three P. M. The schools of several contiguous Churches were convened in one church, and one or two brethren were detailed to address each meeting. In the City of New-York there were eleven of these combined Sunday-school services; in Brooklyn there were seven, and in Newark, three services. The melody of thousands of youthful voices, inspired by the fresh, flush feelings of their youthful hearts, animated by a divine zeal for the glorious and holy cause of missions, and the animated and diversified addresses of the several speakers, made these exercises a delightful and prominent part of the anniversary.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, November 17, a general missionary prayer-meeting was held in the Mulberry-street Church, under the direction of Bishop Waugh, who opened the exercises with an appropriate and feeling address. This was followed by another from our venerable father in the Church, Dr. Bangs, who may be well called the patriarch of the missionary cause. We have it in our hearts to wish that he could abide with us ever. These addresses were followed by earnest prayers, such as come up before the throne of the heavenly grace, and prevail with God through the Son of his love, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MONDAY EVENING the moving masses of Christian people were early tending toward Forsyth-street Church, and that capacious edifice was thronged. It did one good to look out upon that vast multitude of joyous faces, and ask, why have they come here? The venerable Bishop Waugh, President of the Society, took the chair, and then followed the hymn of praise and thanksgiving by the congregation, and prayer by Rev. William Reddy, of Oneida Conference. After a few remarks by the bishop, he introduced our young brother, Rev. B. F. Brooke, of Baltimore, who pointed out clearly and powerfully the relations of American Christianity to the progress of the Christian civilization of the world. The growing wealth, the incessant and indomitable enterprise, and the vast extent of our country, together with the prevalence and spread of the language of the land, were made so many luminous points in the forcible and glowing picture; glowing not by fancy colors, but by living, breathing facts. On looking upon this picture, one could scarcely avoid repeating from holy Scripture, "The silver and the gold are mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills, saith the Lord." Then he requires those who possess his property to use it to his honor and glory.

After singing, the bishop introduced the Rev. Dr. J. M. Trimble, of Ohio, who said, While he heard with gladness of the material and external aid which God had, in his providence, given to the Churches in this land for the promotion of the missionary cause, his mind was called back to the commencement of the mission in Jerusalem, where the disciples were waiting to be endued with power from on high, as a prominent preparation for the execution of their mission expressed in these words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Let this Divine endowment be the central fountain out of which the missionary movement shall spring, and then let the churches and congregations assist the execution of the mission by granting the material aid, and the work will be done. The speaker proceeded to describe, in luminous and truthful language, the necessity of relying more than we have done heretofore upon the Divine call, and the Divine blessing upon the work; and he earnestly urged an increase of the spirit of prayer for the success of the missionary cause. Brother Trimble's address infused a fine spiritual influence into the hearts of the people, and they felt that the missionary cause was Divine.

Bishop Simpson next addressed the audience. In a wide and rapid survey of the world, he quickly sketched the missionary field at home and abroad, and the promising circumstances under which it is presented to the Church for culture. The picture which he drew was all instinct with life, and every one looked out upon the field, and saw that it was already white unto the harvest. But how, said the bishop, shall this field be cultivated? Who will go forth to reap? This is the first great want of the Church; she needs men and women who are ready, like St. Paul, not only to go up to Jerusalem to be bound for Christ's sake, but to die for him, if need be. A few such men are found, and some of them he named in such strains of earnest commendation, that every heart must have been ready to say, Here am I, send me. But, said the bishop, if we had the men, where are the means? He was satisfied the Church had not yet realized her danger and her responsibility in allowing the debt of the missionary society to increase to \$40,000, and thus prevent enlargement of the work at home and abroad. A just and moderate, yet spirit-stirring allusion, was made to the spirit of sacrifice, and to the activity of the early Methodist ministry, which made us all say, Are we the sons of the prophets?

After a few remarks by the Treasurer, the Rev. Thomas Carlton, and spontaneous contributions to the amount of about \$1,700, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction, until the next evening, at Greene-street.

AT NEWARK, at the same hour on Monday evening, a general missionary meeting was held in the Market-street Church, of which we have not been able to obtain full reports. Bishop Ames presided, and Bishop Scott was present. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. A. Stevens, and by Rev. Brother Fuller, of the Genesee Conference. We learn that a fine religious feeling pervaded the audience, and that a fresh impulse was given to the missionary cause.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON there was a meeting of the principal friends of the missionary cause in the Greene-street Church, New-York, for the purpose of free conversation and informal remarks on the cause of missions. It was indeed a missionary love-feast, and many brethren and some sisters spoke from the fullness of their hearts.

TUESDAY EVENING, the people came together again in the Greene-street Church, to witness the conclusion of the anniversary exercises. Bishop Waugh took the chair, and was assisted by his colleagues, the bishops. After the preliminary religious exercises, the bishop introduced the Rev. Alfred Cookman, son of the late Rev. George Cookman, of the Philadelphia Conference. Surely the odor of a venerated parent's name cleaves to the children. There was a feverish desire to hear him speak, and when he did speak the multitude was satisfied. He made a beautiful allusion to the exercises of the preceding evening, in which the greatness of our country was pictured, but he wished to fix attention on the greatest element of this great land; I mean the young men of the Church. While we honor the aged, and would rise up to do them reverence when they appear, we cannot be blind to the great prevailing fact, that all departments of active and dangerous life in this land are in the hands of the young men. To her young men, then, the Church must look for the successful execution of her great and glorious missionary work. The speaker then produced some specimens of worldly heroism, and earnestly appealed to the young men of the Church to remember that these men of the world did their great deeds "to obtain a corruptible crown," while we are called on to make greater sacrifices and do greater deeds to obtain an "incorruptible" crown. This passage in the speech was executed with good taste and great power. He concluded with an allusion to his father, who had pleaded the missionary cause on that very platform twenty-seven years ago, and every heart quivered responsive to the just and beautiful tribute.

Dr. M'CLINTOCK next addressed the audience, and his opening passage was an ingenious and effective presentation of the beauty and worth of the aged in the movements of the world. This was a beautiful set-off to Mr. Cookman's eloquent presentation of the great fact of the prominent position of Young America; and the two passages made one think of these words of Holy Scripture: "Apples of gold in pictures of silver." Truly, the kindly clashing of highly endowed minds is a sight to be desired; sparks of joy and truth fly out of the collision. Dr. M'Clintock proceeded to present the missionary cause as one of time, perseverance, and unwavering faith, and the presentation was both convincing and beautiful. He alluded to our home work, and his sketch of our country and the missionary work in it was indeed thrilling. The allusion to our young foreign missions was just and encouraging. The fruits of his speech will be like bread cast upon the waters, it will be gathered many days hence. It remains in the minds of those who heard

it as a beautiful picture, speaking to their faith and hope, and encouraging them to a more strenuous effort in the missionary cause.

BISHOP JANES next addressed the audience, in a strain of clear, stirring, religious remarks, which made the hearer feel that he ought to be up and doing in this great missionary enterprise. It was an address which went directly to the hearts and consciences of all who heard it.

IN BROOKLYN, on Tuesday evening, there was also a meeting of the people in Washington-street Church. Bishop Scott presided, and the meeting was addressed by Rev. Brother Fuller, of Genesee, and by Bishop Simpson. We have no detailed report of this meeting other than the general remark that it was an interesting and profitable one, and that the spontaneous contributions amounted to \$2,400.

Thus ended the services of the Thirty-eighth Anniversary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



ENGLISH AND CHINESE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT TIENG-ANG.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

China Mission, Fuh Chau.

BISHOP WAUGH HAS EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION.

R. S. MACLAY, *Superintendent.*

E. WENTWORTH.

OTIS GIBSON.

One to be supplied.

Three female teachers to be supplied.

THE Protestant Missions in Fuh Chau, China, are laboring in faith, and making liberal and permanent preparations for the future work, although they have not yet seen much fruit of their labors. Our own mission stands foremost in preparing the material for their work, and we cannot but look for success. The following is the annual report from the mission, which is illustrated by an outside and an inside drawing of one of the new churches of the mission. (See pages 32, 33.)

FUH CHAU, CHINA, *Sept. 22, 1856.*

TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

DEAR BROTHER,—The China Mission once more sends its annual greeting to the Board and the Church on the other side of the great waters. The purport and tone of this present greeting are perhaps more cheering than those of any previous greeting from us. The year now closing has been one of unprecedented interest and prosperity to us as a mission. The securing of a legal and perpetual title to nearly all our mission property here, the erection of two substantial and beautiful church edifices, the enjoyment of a very good degree of health, and the harmony of sentiment and feeling that has existed among us, furnish, we conceive, occasion for profound gratitude and praise.

The retrospect of the year furnishes us also occasion for self-abasement before God, in view of our personal unworthiness and ill-deserts. While recognizing

the honor God has placed upon us, in counting us worthy, putting us into this ministry, and while appreciating, in some degree, the inestimable privilege of being permitted to live and labor for God in this vast heathen empire, our spirit, at times, is overwhelmed as we contrast our feebleness with the mighty results to be achieved here. Separated by distance from the Church of our choice, and deprived, as we are, in a great measure, of the benefits of her communion, we deem it both our privilege and duty to seek through this channel of official communication for some of the advantages of Christian fellowship. The enjoyment of God's gifts constrains us to "sing of mercy," the remembrance of our many shortcomings brings us with self-loathing into the dust before God, while an earnest desire for the success of the Gospel among this people, urges us to unite with the Church in the prayer of the Psalmist: "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it"

MRS. WENTWORTH.—It is proper for us, in this connection, to refer to the severe affliction with which we were visited in the early part of the past year. We had scarcely forwarded our last annual report, when it pleased God, October 2, 1855, to remove from our mission and from earth our beloved sister, Mrs. Anna M. L. Wentworth, wife of the Rev. Erastus Wentworth, D. D. In the death of Mrs. Wentworth, our mission has suffered an incalculable loss. She possessed, in no ordinary degree, the true missionary spirit, and was eminently qualified for usefulness in this field. Her interest in the Chinese was deep and permanent. She regarded it as a distinguishing privilege that she was permitted to come among them as a missionary, and it was one of her highest aspirations to aid in leading them to the Saviour. When the progress of her disease suggested the probability of her early removal from her chosen field of labor, she calmly acquiesced in the will of God, and with a victorious faith prepared for her departure. The example of her triumphant death is a precious legacy to our mission, and to this heathen people. As you have already received the complete details of her sickness and death, it is unnecessary for us, at present, to add anything more than the expression of our sincere condolence with our bereaved brother, and the friends upon whom this heavy stroke has fallen.

LABORS DURING THE YEAR.—The following brief sketch will indicate the course of our labors during the year. The Gospel has been preached publicly *four* times each week, *thrice* in the chapel near our residences, and *once* in the girls' school-room.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL was suspended during the summer in consequence of Mrs. Macclay's inability to attend to it.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL has been continued with an average daily attendance of fifteen scholars. Mrs. Gibson has had a Chinese girl named *Lau* under her charge on mission account. The girl is sprightly, and it is probable she may do well. The boy, *Lih-huah*, is still under Dr. Wentworth's care; and during the year Dr. Wentworth has taken the brother of *Lih-huah*, named *Chun-huah*, under his charge on mission account. He has also taken into his family, *Mu-mi*, the younger of the two Albinos, the foreign merchants here contributing the money for his support.

PRINTING.—We have published fifteen hundred copies of Matthew's Gospel, fifteen hundred of "John," one thousand of "Romans," one thousand epistles of Peter and John, three thousand "Two Friends," two thousand "San-che-king," (tract,) and two thousand "Hoh-ing-chu-laung," (tract.)

The time and attention of Brothers Wentworth and Gibson have been devoted mainly to the study of the dialect, in which they make encouraging progress. They have performed valuable service in superintending the building of our two church edifices. They have also engaged in the distribution of our books among the people, and hope soon to engage in public efforts to communicate to this people the message of life and salvation.

INCIDENTS frequently occur in our chapels which show that the knowledge of Christianity is spreading not only in this city, but also in other parts of this province. During public conversations in our chapels it frequently happens that one and another of the people of this city will exhibit an amount of correct knowledge of our doctrines that surprises us. On different occasions persons from other parts of the province, after hearing us speak or reading one of our books, have promptly stated that many persons in their vicinity are acquainted with these doctrines. One day, as I was speaking about the demoniacs of the New Testament, a man probably forty-five years of age, and who lived some distance from the city, suddenly interrupted me by saying: "That is true; there are evil spirits;" and then he proceeded to tell us how, on certain occasions, these evil spirits had come to his house, and had given him great trouble. The Chinese present listened with much interest to the man's story, and appeared to assent to its truthfulness. Indeed, the man challenged any one to contradict him, and, pointing across the chapel to a young man who stood in the aisle, he said: "There is my son, who can vouch for the truth of what I say." During the past winter, an old man who lives near us began to attend quite regularly at our chapel, and manifested considerable interest in our doctrines. On several occasions he came into our Sunday morning service in the girls' school-room. He freely expressed his intention to become a Christian, and so frequently did he refer to the subject that we felt some hope of his sincerity. For some time past, however, he appears to have lost his interest in the subject, though he is still friendly, and comes occasionally to the chapel. The observance of the Sabbath is a difficulty in his way; and then he says that he is old and has worshiped idols so long that now it is hard for him to cast them away. We do not cease to labor for him, and trust he may yet be brought to a saving acquaintance with the Saviour. The old man is over seventy years of age.

OUR NEW CHURCH EDIFICE AT LONG-TAU was solemnly dedicated to the worship and service of God with appropriate exercises on Sunday, August 3, 1856. On a marble tablet over the door is the name of the church in Chinese: *Ching Sing Tong*, that is, *Church of the True God*. The completion of this handsome and substantial structure is an important and auspicious event in the history of our mission. We had long and painfully felt our need of such a building, the Board approved of our proposition to erect it, and kind friends in America generously contributed the necessary funds; but the steady opposition of the Chinese government prevented the execution of our purpose. About a year ago, however, the Lord opened our way, and after securing an eligible situation, we commenced the erection of the beautiful edifice whose recent dedication filled our hearts with grateful joy. As we have recently sent you a full description of the building, it is unnecessary for us at present to do more than offer a few general statements concerning it. The building stands on the great and only thoroughfare leading to the south gate of this city, the situation being within three-quarters of a mile from the south gate. The walls are of brick, plastered within and without, and rest on a solid stone foundation. The building comprises a vestibule, thirty-four feet by ten,



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IONG-TOU, CHINA.

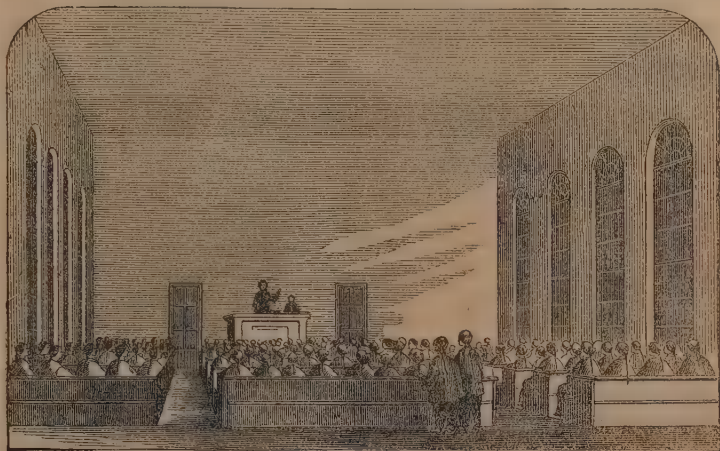
an audience-room, thirty-four feet by forty-seven, a suite of rooms in the rear, designed for study, &c., &c. The building is thirty-eight feet wide by seventy-six feet deep, and the entire cost will fall within two thousand six hundred dollars. We congratulate the Board, and the friends who generously contributed the funds, on the happy consummation of this enterprise; and most heartily do we unite with them in devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for his aid and blessing, without which our plans could not have been executed.

OUR TIENG-ANG CHURCH (see page 28) building is nearly completed. It is located just in front of our residences, and contains two audience-rooms, one for *Chinese*, the other for *English* service.

LIBERALITY OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS.—In former letters we advised you that the foreign community here had generously aided in defraying the expenses of this building, and we now have the pleasure to state that their cash contributions have reached the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars, (\$1,125,) which, at the present rate of exchange, is equal to one thousand five hundred dollars in New-York. Accompanying I send the names of those who have aided us, with the amounts contributed.

During the year the mission has come into the possession of the premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Russel & Co. This lot immediately adjoins our other premises on this hill, and on it there is a dwelling-house with a kitchen attached to it. Messrs. Russel & Co. generously transferred the entire premises to our mission at the original cost, two thousand four hundred dollars.

REINFORCEMENTS ANTICIPATED.—We have been much gratified and encouraged by the cordial approval of the Board and Bishop Waugh with reference to our propositions for erecting the two churches, and for sending out female teachers to



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labor in this mission. We trust and believe that the future will show the wisdom of these measures. We are also gratified to know that it is the purpose of Bishop Waugh to appoint another missionary to this mission. We think it very desirable that this reinforcement should reach us with the least practicable delay.

A CONVERT.—It will be cheering to you to learn that, during the past year, one Chinese convert has been baptized here by our brethren of the American Board Mission. The convert is a man of intelligence and good standing, and promises well for usefulness and faithfulness as a Christian.

A WORD TO THE CHURCH.—In closing this report we would earnestly request for ourselves and the great work in which we are engaged, an abiding interest in the prayers of the Church. We do not rest this appeal upon the privations incident to missionary life among a heathen people, or upon any sacrifices we may have made in giving up kindred, home, and country for this far-off heathenism. Though profoundly susceptible of such emotions, and keenly sensitive to the trials incident to life and labor here, our minds do not dwell on these aspects of the subject. Indeed, our connection with the foreign missionary work ever stands before our minds in the light of a distinguishing honor, a glorious privilege. But we urge this request because of our official relation to you and to this people. As missionaries we need, and should have, your prayers and sympathy.

WHERE ARE THE LABORERS?—One word more. "The harvest truly is plenteous," but where are the laborers? Where are the young men in our Israel who will respond to our urgent cry, "Come over and help us?" An immense and inviting field opens up here before us. There are indications that the sphere of operations for the Church will soon be vastly extended in this empire. But where are the laborers? We leave this question with the young men of the Church, earnestly praying that soon one and another may be led to exclaim, "Here am I; send me!"

Accept from the mission the assurance of our affectionate esteem, and believe us,
Yours very truly, in behalf of the mission,

R. S. MACLAY, *Superintendent.*

The following are the names of foreign residents at Fuh Chau, China, who so generously aided in building our mission churches there.

FOREIGN SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR M. E. CHINA MISSION CHURCH,
FUH CHAU.

MESSRS. RUSSELL & Co.

C. W. Spooner.....	\$100
Ed. Cunningham.....	100
W. S. Sloan.....	75
D. O. Clark.....	25
C. W. Orne.....	10
J. A. Wheelock.....	10
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	\$320

MESSRS. WETMORE & Co.

O. E. Roberts.....	250
F. D. Williams.....	100
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MESSRS. DENT & Co.

W. H. Luce.....	50
F. G. Hely.....	50
J. C. Smith.....	25
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MESSRS. A. HEARD & Co.

William Comstock, Jr.....	100
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MESSRS. KING & Co.

A. B. Neilson, Jr.....	100
Caleb Jones, U. S. Consul.....	50
R. C. Crawford, Esq.....	50
"A Friend".....	20
"A Friend".....	10

Amount, \$1,125

MISSION PROPERTY.

I. *Real Estate.*

Island house.....	\$1,000
Olive Grove house and lot.....	850
Mirror Hill house.....	750
Lot rear of Mr. Maclay's.....	600
Long-tau church and lot.....	2,500
Tien-ang chapel.....	100
"Seminary" and lot.....	2,500
Tien-ang church and lot, unfinished.....	
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	\$8,300

II. *Personal Property.*

Library, printing blocks, school furniture, etc., etc.....	1,300
Total.....	<hr/>
	\$9,600

Foreign German Missions.

BISHOP MORRIS HAS EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION.

REV. L. S. JACOBY, *Superintendent.*

BREMEN : George-street Chapel and Bremen Circuit, L. Nippert, *Missionary* ; A. Luering, *Helper* ; E. C. Poppe and G. Stetts, *Assistants.*

BREMEN : Steffensweg Chapel and Farge English appointment, L. S. Jacoby.

OLDENBURG CIRCUIT, C. H. Doering, *Missionary* ; W. Fiege, *Helper* ; C. Feldman, *Assistant.*

BREMERHAVEN AND BRAKE, E. Reimenschneider, *Missionary* ; G. Bruns, *Helper.*

HAMBURG CIRCUIT, E. Peters, *Helper.*

SOUTH GERMANY, L. Nuelson, *Missionary* ; L. Wallon and S. Kurz, *Helpers* ; M. Steurer, *Colporteur* ; E. Garnier, *Assistant.*

SAXONY CIRCUIT, F. Wunderlich and C. Diedrich, *Missionaries* ; H. Eulenstein, *Assistant.*

LAUSANNE CIRCUIT, E. Mann, *Missionary.*

ZURICH CIRCUIT, H. zur Jacobsmuehlen, *Missionary.*

COLPORTEURS.—H. Hagemeyer, Bremerhaven ; G. Stetts, Bremen ; C. Feldmann, Oldenburg ; C. Steinmeier, Hamburg and Hanover ; M. Steurer, G. Duchy Baden.

BOOK CONCERN.—E. C. Poppe, G. Hattorf, Th. Klemm.

BREMEN, November 12, 1856.

TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY :

DEAR BROTHER,—Another year has nearly passed, one of very great importance for this missionary work, and not less so for the superintendent. By the permission of the Board he visited the United States, and not only received many encouragements from our brethren there, but his visit became a blessing to his body and soul. With great gratitude to God for his kind protection during this long and dangerous journey, with great gratitude to the brethren for the especial kindness and love on every occasion shown to me, and with a new revived body and spirit, I recommenced the important work that had been intrusted to my hands by the Lord, and our beloved *Zion*. Since that time I have had to wade through deep waters. But still, I dare say, to the honor of God, my soul has been often strengthened ; the grace of the Lord has been sufficient for me, and the best of all, I have reason to believe that my confidence in his power to save from all sins has become more substantial, for he has assisted me to overcome such things, which often made me many sore trials, and cost me many tears and heavy hours. But still I feel often deeply humbled when I see that I am not as grateful to my God, and as faithful as I should be. My first desire is to be saved from all sins, and then to become as useful as possible in his vineyard.

The late General Conference formed our work into a regular Mission Conference. The first session of our conference was held in September, and though we were only five preachers in full connection, we were satisfied that the Lord does

not despise the day of small things. There is no doubt but if we were permitted to labor in Germany as freely as we do in the United States, our Churches would spring up quickly through all the land, where the German language is spoken. But still, we have reason to thank God for the blessings the work received on most all missions in the past year, and our prospects are better than they ever were before.

Another very important benefit for the work is the grant of four thousand dollars from the Missionary Society, by a resolution of the General Conference, for the benefit of our Book Concern. Our books, periodicals, and all publications, exercise a wide and important influence. Our connection with several remote parts of Germany has become possible in this way, and where our books go our mission is favorably regarded, and the people no longer believe the bad reports concerning us. To our missionaries our publications have become forerunners, and are the helpmates; and to our colporteurs they give opportunity to go from house to house and call the people to repentance. In this way one of our largest and most prosperous fields (Oldenburg) has been opened by a colporteur.

THE TRACT CAUSE has, from the commencement of our work, demanded our especial attention, and much good has been done by the tracts and pamphlets printed by our society. We are sorry to say that the Parent Tract Society of our Church has not been able to support us energetically. If it had not been for the kindness of our old tried friend, (who often supported and encouraged us when we commenced our first missionary work in St. Louis, Mo.,) John T. Martin, Esq., now of Brooklyn, who brought us \$500 to the steamer Washington, before we left the United States, we would not only have been very cramped in our tract operations, but the whole machinery would have been stopped for want of fuel to raise steam. We must have at least \$1,200 to carry on this great work; and we pray the brethren to continue to us their support in this important cause. The Religious Tract Society in London has been very kind toward us; we had not only a grant of £5 and several beautiful casts, but the committee is also willing to pay for the stereotype plates of eight illustrated handbills for distribution. This worthy society was ready at any time to assist us, when we asked for help. The American Tract Society not only grants us a preference in buying their publications, but we received also a grant of seventy-five thousand pages of Tracts. To the Wesleyan Missionary Society we owe especial thanks for the great number of beautiful casts we received from them for our *Kinderfreund*.

The EVANGELIST and KINDERFREUND have both had a greater number of subscribers than before, and promise to support themselves soon by their own income, though the price must be very low by reason of the poverty of the people. Brothers Nippert and Doering, who edited the papers in my absence, have executed this work in a very able manner. The papers have proved themselves very useful for our work, and we have cases where souls have been much blessed by reading these papers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The *Kinderfreund** is always received with great interest

* Brother Doering, in coming from Bremerhaven in the steamer, overheard the conversation of several students of divinity who did not know him. They spoke of the education of the children, and one of them remarked that there was no such child's paper in all Germany as the one published by the Methodists. And this is true indeed. We show to the children not only the possibility, but also the necessity of their conversion.

by the Sunday-school children. Our Sunday schools are very interesting, and we institute them wherever we possibly can. Though we have not yet seen that fruit we wish to see, there are several children that have been converted, and others are very earnest in seeking salvation. May the Lord continue his blessings in these nursing schools for the Church of Christ. We owe great thanks to the Sunday-School Union of our Church for the efficient help we received in the past year, and we doubt not that this great institution will continue to support us, being entirely dependent on the help we receive from that source.

BREMEN GEORGE-STREET CHAPEL AND BREMEN CIRCUIT.—*L. Nippert, Missionary; A. Luering, Helper; E. C. Poppe and George Stetts, Assistants.*—At our last conference *Bremen Circuit* was divided; all appointments in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg became a new circuit, and all other appointments were added to George-street Chapel.

The mission in Bremen has suffered considerably by emigration. The greatest part of our old and well-trying members, and many of them that joined in later years, have gone to the United States. It is true, they have not been lost to the Church, for they left with certificates, and joined our Church as soon as they arrived at the place of their destination,* (most of them are in Cincinnati and Covington.) But we lose not only their number, but their influence; for I have always seen that good, faithful members are generally the means of inducing people to come to our meetings, and thus bring them under the influence of the Gospel.

Another great hinderance in our way on this mission is the desecration of the Sabbath, particularly in this city. In the course of the last year, three brethren that were converted and did not want to labor any longer on the Sabbath day, had to leave their situations. Two of them were married, and you may imagine it was a great trial for them. Many persons who were under deep conviction, but were not willing to make this sacrifice, have since then returned into the world. However, we cannot give up one inch from the landmarks of the kingdom of God. "We do not want the English and American Sabbath consecration," is the cry of the German Christians generally; but there will not be a true revival among them till they will pay full reverence to the fourth commandment as well as to the others. We had also, during the last year, much more opposition from the evangelical part of the community than before. I am glad to say that they strengthened their hands by engaging city missionaries, and commencing Sabbath schools, and that they have been roused by our mission to care more for the spiritual welfare of the poor than was the case before we came here; but I am sorry to say that some of the State-Church Christians do not use the right way to keep the people far from us. But the Methodists have always been treated in this way, in the beginning, by other denominations; and why should we expect anything better? Our class-meeting is offensive in their eyes; but it is the means of grace, in the hand of God, to keep up vitality among us. Once more I say in the fear of God, we will not move in Germany the landmarks of our Church.

BREMEN CIRCUIT.—Rev. Lewis Nippert has charge of this work, assisted in the

* When I was in the United States I met many of the dear brethren and sisters that have been converted among us in Germany, and most of them walked faithfully. I heard also, in several places, that our labors with the emigrants had not been in vain. This has encouraged us much to continue our labors for the emigrants, and request our brethren in the sea towns to continue their labors of love, for it is for the benefit of immortal souls and for the best interests of our Church.

city by Brother Jacoby, on Sunday, and in the country appointments by Brother Luering, who is an active, zealous, and efficient helper, and by Brother Stetts, who serves as a colporteur. Brother Poppe has charge of the Sunday school at *Vege-sack*. The circuit includes *Vege-sack* and *Blumenthal*, with a class of twelve members, and a well-attended Sunday school.

Schormbeck and *Ritterhude*, with a class of very good report, and preaching every two weeks.

Hastedt, with a very good class, and a prosperous Sunday school.

Uesen Bassen, moderately prosperous, with a small class.

Westerwede and *Adolphscharf*, a small class and preaching well attended.

Members.....	107
Probationers.....	20
Sunday Schools.....	4
Scholars.....	600
Local Preacher.....	1
Helper.....	1
Colporteur.....	1
Sewing Societies.....	2

STEFFEN'S CHAPEL, IN BREMEN, and the English appointment in FARGE, are under the charge of L. S. Jacoby. Steffen's Chapel is built on a lot we received from Brother Luerssen, about one and a half miles from George-street Chapel. Brother Doering having been much occupied in my absence with the Book Concern, could not pay much attention to this appointment, and, therefore, we had only few hearers. But since our preaching has become regular there, the number of the hearers has considerably increased. The members that live in this neighborhood belong all to the other charge. We have a very interesting Sabbath school of about one hundred children, one superintendent, and eleven teachers. The children are very attentive and learn well. Several of them have learned, for Christmas celebration, the three chapters of the Lord's Sermon on the Mount. We preach here every Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon, have preacher's Bible-class on Friday evening. Though the people of this neighborhood, most of them gardeners, are very indifferent, and pay little or no attention to the Sabbath day, this chapel has become a blessing to some, and we hope soon to see more of them converted.

FARGE.—The best part of my congregation in this village of English manufacturers, and the few faithful professors I had here, have returned to England. I had, therefore, to get new Sunday-school teachers, and I regret to say they are not experienced Christians. May the Lord convert them. I preach here twice in four weeks, once on week-days and once on Sabbath, and attend to the children especially. The Englishmen attend better than I expected, and I have felt much encouraged to continue to attend to these poor foreigners, though I have always to travel fifteen miles to reach Farge, and on the Sabbath I have to return to preach in the evening in the George-street Chapel. The Sabbath school has twenty children.

OLDENBURG CIRCUIT. C. H. Doering, W. Fiege.—This is one of our most interesting and prosperous fields of labor. We are undisturbed by the government, which has rather more supported than opposed our labors. Rationalism has taken deep root in almost all parts of this Duchy, and it is only lately that some of the clergy have come out on the side of the crucified Saviour. This circuit

lies within the Duchy of Oldenburg, and comprehends the following appointments:

CITY OF OLDENBURG, with a population of, say ten thousand, and six thousand more in the vicinity, and but one Protestant Church, with three preachers, each of whom preaches once on Sunday to from three hundred to five hundred hearers. We have rented a room for public service, and since Brother Doering has resided in the city, we have preaching every Sunday. The general state of religion is low in the city. We have a class of eleven members, and one Sunday school with eighteen scholars.

ODERVECHT, a large village of four thousand people, about ten miles from Oldenburgh. We have no class here, and no convenient room, but we hope to rent a blacksmith shop and make it a second Foundry. The people seem anxious to hear the word.

DELMENHORST is a village of two thousand people, and we have a goodly company to preach to, in a large room of the tavern; we have a class of eight, one Sunday school, with thirty-six pupils and five teachers.

HARBUGAR, a village of two thousand five hundred inhabitants, to a goodly number of whom we preach once in two weeks. The class consists of thirteen members.

Three other villages are visited by us each once in two weeks, and we have one class of five members.

BREMERHAVEN AND BRAKE. *E. Reimenschnider; G. Bruns, Helper.*—We have not been disappointed in our expectations in Bremerhaven. Our mission there gains strength and influence, and if we had a more suitable preaching-place, the progress of our mission would be better. Brother Reimenschneider labors with great faithfulness, and is much beloved by the people there. His health has been good. I refer to his report. In this report we learn that there are five preaching places on this circuit, of which Bremerhaven and Brake are the principal. They need much a good chapel, in Bremerhaven particularly, and also in Brake. This part of our work in Germany is very important, as it is the port from which a large portion of the emigrants embark for America.

In Bremerhaven, 24 members; on trial, 13; Sunday-school teachers, 13; scholars, 118.

In Brake, 13 members; on trial, 1; Sunday-school teachers, 8; scholars, 60.

HAMBURG, *E. Peters.*—This mission, which cost much money and labor, promises to yield fruit at last. We have, at present, a larger and more respectable congregation than we have ever had before; several souls have been converted and joined our Church, and others are under deep conviction. Brother Peters preaches in Hamburg three times a week, holds two prayer-meetings and one class-meeting, and visits from house to house, distributing tracts and conversing with the people, where he possibly can make them pay a moment's attention to him. Every four weeks he visits some appointments in Hanover, where Brothers Doering and Nuelsen had already labored; and also there, as he writes, twenty persons have been lately converted.

SOUTH GERMANY AND ALSACE CIRCUIT. *H. Nuelsen, L. Wallon, Sr., Helper; S. Kurz and M. Steurer, Assistants.* Here we have a large and fruitful field of labor; but many difficulties and restrictions. We experience here many blessings and encouragements, and hope the time of religious liberty will come soon. I call your attention to the full report of Brother Nuelsen. He says:

Though we have to suffer much persecution and restrictions on our field of

labor, still the Lord has blessed us richly in every way. The work has grown and become more deeply rooted, though we cannot labor in many places as we would do if we had liberty.

Frankfort-on-the-Maine has lately yielded to our labors better than ever before, and our prospects are very good. We have at present here a class of twenty-two members, eight of them having joined lately. The Sunday school is in a very good condition. Brother Nuelsen writes yesterday, "Some days ago three souls were converted. Halleluiah!"

Friedrichsdorf.—The twenty-eight members of our two classes of this place distinguished themselves by their piety and love to Methodism. They have, almost every evening, a meeting of some kind, and eight persons have joined during the past year. The missionary is not permitted to preach there, but he visits this place every two weeks, holds prayer-meeting with them, and gives by that occasion a word of exhortation. Brother Emil Garnier has the society under his charge.

Offenbach and *Oberrath*, and other places near Frankfort-on-the-Maine, have been visited occasionally, but we have not yet had classes in these places since the whole class from Offenbach emigrated to the United States.

Wurtemberg remains still a very interesting field of labor. We have here to suffer much from the power of the clergy; still the Lord has richly blessed our labors in the past year on several places.

Heilbronn.—Here Brother Wallon lives, and we have had here a good revival, for more than forty souls have been converted. We have now here two classes of forty-three members, who all seem to be earnestly engaged to work out their souls' salvation, with fear and trembling. Not long ago, a young Roman Catholic girl was converted to God, and could now not remain any longer in that Church. But we being at present only a society in the State Church, she had, by the law of the land, publicly to join that Church. Before the whole congregation she has acknowledged that she has found the Saviour among the Methodists. This event has made a very good impression upon the public, and one of the preachers has acknowledged to Brother Wallon his gratitude for his labors of love. We have also here a newly commenced Sunday school of seventy children.

Illengen and Ensingen.—Here are the oldest classes of the circuit. The members are earnestly engaged, and have had some addition to their number. Also in Neustadt and Walheim, where we have small classes, the members are still serving God.

Hoffen.—Our meetings here are well attended, and we have held class and prayer meeting, but no class has been organized till now.

Weiseldorf, with seven members, is not yet permitted to be visited again by our helper.

Katzbach, *Maechmuehl*, *Lamboldshausen*, *Brestag*, are new appointments. In Katzbach we have nine members, and though our preaching has been forbidden, Brother Wallon visits the people, and they meet together to a cup of coffee, and on this occasion the preacher speaks to them, prays with them, and this kind of coffee society is richly blessed to the souls of the people.

Boechlingen is a new appointment, where we only commenced a few weeks ago. Some days ago nine persons joined our society.

Neuenstadt, *Groetzingen*, *Glasshuetten*, *Pretzingen*, are visited regularly by Brother Kurz, but he travels also a large circuit as colporteur, and though he cannot sell many books, he distributes a good many tracts among the people, and does a great deal of good.

Pirmasens, in Bavaria on the Rhine. We have here two classes of thirty-eight members. They are very earnest, though they have to conquer many difficulties. The police of the place had forbidden all kinds of meetings, but by petitioning the government they got permission to hold their meetings three times a week. They have also recommended their Sunday school, and have about sixty or seventy children to instruct.

Alsace.—We have had much persecution in this part of France. Brother Mann was first imprisoned for the space of thirty-eight days; afterward Brother Steurer was twice imprisoned, each time forty-five days, and then banished from France, being no citizen of that country. However, the brethren are still faithful. We write to them large epistles, which are afterward read in the different meetings, for there exists a law in France that no more than twenty persons dare meet together with the exception of privileged meetings, as in churches, balls, theaters, etc.

BISCHWILLER, IN ALSACE, is the only place which we can visit without being troubled by the gens d'armes. The mayor of the city, whose mother is a pious lady, gives us also permission to hold meetings in the same way as he is permitted by law to authorize theaters, circuses, balls, etc., and he takes, in this way, all responsibility on his shoulders. The meetings are very well attended. We have here, also, a Sunday school with thirty children. May the Lord soon give us a faithful laborer for that part of the work.

GRAND DUCHY OF BADEN.—Brother Steurer, who was banished from Alsace, after his second imprisonment, returned to his father-land, (Baden,) and received here the permission to colport with Bibles. He can also hold meetings under some restrictions. Not far from Brother Steurer's home lies

ALTENHEIM, the native place of my wife. Last summer we visited this place, the first time since we returned to Germany. My family remained with their relations about six weeks, and every evening I could spend with them I certainly held family worship with them; but to this service there met so many persons, that the large room and the floor were filled with people, and in the street there were as many as inside of the house. I also visited *Dundenheim*, where I had a large and attentive congregation. If we labor here in Baden with wisdom, and cautiously, we may expect a rich harvest.

In Wirtemberg I visit every six weeks, and remain there about twelve days. Pirmasens and Alsace I visit every ten weeks; the other time I spend in Frankfort and the neighborhood.

We have 29 preaching places, 172 members, 38 members on trial, 7 Sunday schools, 17 teachers, and about 300 scholars. We collected, missionary money, \$48; for tracts, \$8; steward's collections, \$70. The greatest part of our members are poor; but they give from their poverty.

SAXONY CIRCUIT. *F. Wunderlich; C. Dietrich, H. Eulenstein, Assistants*.—I regret to say that I have not yet received Brother Wunderlich's report for this quarter. In his last report, in September, he writes: "There are, at present, six preaching places in this mission, lying in four different princes' dominions. We have, in all, nine classes. In *Weimar* we have two classes, 15 members, and 10 on trial. In *Braunsvalde* (Altenburg) we have two classes, 23 members, and 9 on trial. In *Schleuzer* we have: 1. *Triebes*; here we have three classes, 36 members, and 8 on trial, and an interesting Sunday school of 20 to 30 children. 2. *Hohenleuben*; one class of 11 members, and ten on trial. 3. *Langenweitzendorf*; the class here has been organized not long ago, and we have received 14 members on trial. In *Griezer, Zeulenrode*, one class of 14 members, and four on trial.

You will see that we have together 99 members in full connection, and 55 on trial. To the honor of God, I dare say, that though we have had persecutions from different sides, our work has progressed, and souls have been converted. May the Lord continue to prosper us."

LAUSANNE CIRCUIT, IN SWITZERLAND. *E. Mann.*—The language spoken in this part of Switzerland is French, and our Wesleyan brethren labor here. Dr. Cook lives in Lausanne, and assisted our work kindly, in giving us their place of worship at such times when they had no meetings, and he received me with brotherly love, when I was in Lausanne last summer. Many Germans live in the different towns, and they have been much neglected, so that there is a large field of labor opened to our mission. Brother Mann is the brother who was imprisoned in Alsace. He is extending his mission from Lausanne to the surrounding villages.

ZURICH MISSION CIRCUIT. *H. Jacobsmuehlen.*—When I visited Switzerland last summer, I believed Zurich would be the best place to commence our mission for the German Cantons of Switzerland, because rationalism was there the master of the State Church; and, as I understood, only one pietist among the preachers. We made, therefore, this appointment at the last conference, and have not been disappointed, as you will see by the letter of Brother Jacobsmuehlen. This brother is a pious, diligent young man, whose labors and tears will not be in vain. Let the Church pray for him, for he is the pioneer in a large and important field of labor.

In the first and only report of Brother Jacobsmuehlen to Brother Jacoby, Superintendent, we see that he has three principal preaching places, Zurich and two populous towns in its vicinity. Although the congregations are not large, they are serious and attentive, and show the same type of feeling and experience as marked the introduction of Methodism among the English populations in Europe and America. German Switzerland may yet yield an abundant harvest.

Scandinavian Missions.

BISHOP MORRIS HAS EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION.

REV. C. WILLERUP, *Superintendent.*

REV. O. P. PETERSEN, *Missionary, Norway.*

PETER LARSEN, *Missionary, Sweden.*

THERE is increasing evidence that God called us to preach the Gospel to the people of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. The door was opened there by men who were converted in our Scandinavian Missions in America. These brethren felt called of God to preach the Gospel in their father-lands, and the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was convinced that it ought to sustain these brethren, and enable them to carry out their hearts' desire, which we judged was according to the will of God. The results have justified our faith in the call to this field of labor among the people of ancient Scandinavia. They are, after ages of infidelity, rationalism, cold formality, now feeling after God, and are hungering after the Gospel in its earnest, simple form and power. Such is its manifestation among them by the mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as will be clearly seen by reading the following letter from Brother Willerup. The wide and effectual door opened in Norway, Denmark, and Sweden, ought to move the Church to increased liberality in her missionary contributions, that the Missionary Society may be enabled not only to continue, but to increase the appropriations for it, both at home and in Europe.

FREDERIKSHALD, NORWAY, *October 1, 1856.*

TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

DEAR BROTHER,—My last letter to you was dated July 7th, which I hope you have received in due time. I now feel it my duty, and, thank God, a privilege, again to give you an account of the state and prospects of the mission; and in doing so I cannot forbear first to express my gratitude to the great Head of the Church for his unspeakable goodness continued to us.

After my arrival in Norway, I lived for some time in the same house with Brother Petersen, in Sarpsborg, and we labored together at the different appoint-

ments, but I have since moved to Frederikshald, a city of some eight or ten thousand inhabitants, and situated about twenty English miles south of Sarpsborg. This point I found most expedient to occupy, as here especially new doors and hearts are constantly opening, and many have begged and urged us to come and live there; and I believe that ere long we shall have here a flourishing society.

The prospects of the mission in general are flattering in a high degree. The word preached is constantly acquiring increased attention. Souls are being converted, and many who do not yet belong to us, by reason of several circumstances, visit our meetings, and are edified and encouraged to seek the salvation of their souls, inquiring the way to Zion. They acknowledge more and more that we labor in the right way, are in everything with us, attend our meetings regularly, regard us as their ministers, and the Methodist Episcopal Church as their Church. Our members are very diligent in strengthening our hands in the great work, and they manifest a strong desire to conform to all the peculiarities of our beloved Church. They are our faithful witnesses, and testify, with their life and conversation, to the shame of our enemies. Thus the foundation of the Church is, I trust in God, becoming more deeply laid and immovably fixed. Our meetings in Sarpsborg, especially, have been seasons of delightful refreshings from the presence of the Lord, and our hearts have been encouraged by the outpouring of the Spirit. If our brethren in America could sometimes attend our meetings, they would feel reason to praise the Lord for what he has already done. O what a change has been wrought in many households where, in former days, the Sabbath was spent in playing cards and drinking. Family altars have been erected where drunkenness and disorder prevailed for many years. Surely the labors of Brother Petersen, this humble, faithful, zealous, and self-denying servant of God, have not been in vain.

Sarpsborg is a small town of about one thousand inhabitants. In this town we have now, by the grace of God, organized a society. Many of the brethren have urged us again and again to establish a formal Church, in which they could have the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper administered by us. I read again your letter of instruction on that point, and laid the matter before God in prayer, that I might be able to proceed with due care. It was my conviction that the time had come when this step ought to be taken, and Thursday, the 11th of September, was the day appointed for the brethren who desired to join our society to meet; and on that day was established the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Norway. The brethren were nearly all present. They had previously given us their certificates of withdrawal from the State Church for the purpose of joining the Methodist Episcopal Church. About fifty members were received, and their names entered accordingly. To the brethren this was a happy day. They had long waited and prayed for it. We had some trouble before we got everything in order; for notwithstanding there is religious liberty here, yet when a formal Church is to be established there are several things to be observed and attended to before we can be recognized by the authorities as regular ministers, before which we may not administer the sacraments. The State ministers are much against this law, and are very reluctant in giving to the people certificates of withdrawal from their Church. Many of the brethren had to call several times before they could get this certificate. These we have to give to the authorities, or a copy of them, together with one of our credentials, before we can establish a Church. This has now been done, and we expect to have no more difficulty. After a minister of a dissenting or independent Church is once recognized and one such Church established, there will be no difficulty in establishing similar Churches in other places where they may be wanted. We

have had many meetings since, and not without good effect. There is the appearance of much awakening among the people, and I have seldom witnessed a deeper feeling prevailing in a congregation; many eyes are suffused with tears, and our ministry is increasing in favor with the people. Glory be to God. Pray for us, dear brother, that the Lord may continue to give us encouragement, that we may labor with joy and perseverance in this great work.

Laborers growing up in the Mission.—Besides the members we have received, there are yet many coming to our class-meetings who intend giving in their names. We have on Sarpsborg Circuit eight class-leaders, true and faithful men. Among the members are also several young men that give great promise of usefulness, especially one, now an exhorter, and who, I think, will soon be ready to labor as a missionary, should the Board employ him; he feels the burden. We need more men here, if we can get the right ones, and single men would be preferable at the present, for they can board among the people, who will gladly receive them, and think it a privilege. There are so many places where we are asked to preach that a man might be out all the time.

Expenses.—Another thing, house-rent is high and provisions so enormous in price, that three or four single men might in this way be supported with less than it costs a family. I have just commenced keeping house, but I state this from Brother Petersen's experience. The house which Brother P. expected to rent, as he wrote in his last letter, cannot now be had; but we may keep the one in which he now lives till spring, or perhaps for another year, by paying a few dollars more in rent. This is reasonable, for house-rent has increased every year, so that the owner might get even more for it from others. It is but a poor house, and far from comfortable to live in, especially in the winter, but it is the best we can do; for it is the only house to be had in which there is as large a hall in which to hold meetings, but it is not large enough to hold half the people that would come out had we a suitably large room. In Frederikshald the house-rent is very high; it is quite difficult to get a house in which is a room large enough to hold meetings in. There was but one such house for rent, and while I was seeing the owner about renting it, another applicant stepped in. For fear of losing it, I rented it at once for one year. The rent is two hundred dollars, (Norw.,) besides a few dollars, perhaps two or three, which is a kind of tax, I believe, that tenants here have to pay. The room fixed for meeting-room is about twenty by thirty-six feet, and about thirteen feet high. Fitting it up cost nearly \$65, but the fixtures are so made that they can easily be removed and placed elsewhere in case of moving.

We have had meetings in private houses, shops, school-houses, and wherever we could get in; but we have been so crowded that half the number would have been too many in the house to sit comfortably. At some meetings not only the house has been full, but many have stood in the yard and on the street. We need much a sufficiently roomy and substantial meeting-house. May the Lord soon give us one.

Sweden.—I have visited Brother Larsen in Sweden. He was not at home then, but I have seen him since. He was also with us at the meeting we had on the 11th of September. Brother Larsen is doing a good work; there is much awakening, and many penitents are inquiring what they must do to be saved. The people expect that soon they will have religious liberty in Sweden. May God hasten the day; and then there will be a great field indeed and many doors opened. The brethren and friends that I met in Sweden think very much of Brother Larsen. They asked me, when writing, to ask the Board to let him still

remain with them. Brother Larsen is traveling much, and has many appointments.

Religious Liberty.—In Denmark there is the same religious liberty as in Norway. In each of these places a colporteur is much needed; for I am persuaded that much good could be accomplished through their operation, if we had some Danish tracts, Bibles, catechisms, and other Danish and Swedish books. We have now two men, both single men, (just such men we need.) They are true Christians, and are willing to go out as colporteurs, the one by next spring and the other sooner, if the Board would employ them; they would travel on foot, and make it their home wherever they may happen to be. What I said in-reference to the amount of support of single men, missionaries, would be the same with regard to colporteurs. Write to me, if you please, in regard to this point, as also as regards the young man, the above-mentioned exhorter, whether the Board would employ these men or any of them. The exhorter is at present clerk in a store, and is a man of more than ordinary abilities, and of a heart full of love to God and man. Could we get some books sent this season yet, or by next spring, and send out these two men, one in Denmark and the other in Norway, it would help us very much.

Books.—We have no Danish Disciplines. They were much wanted by the members, as also by many other friends; so I had a thousand copies printed, for which I paid out of the money the \$25 given to buy Bibles with. The Disciplines are selling readily, however, and I shall soon have the money again, I hope, and it shall then be applied to the purpose for which it was given.

I feel very hungry for the Christian Advocate and Missionary Advocate. While I was at Brother Petersen's I read his, but since I left his house I have not had any to read. Do, my dear brother, send them to me, directed to Frederikshald, Norway.

And now, my dear brother, in conclusion, see, in reading this report, what a great work is here to be done, where so many priceless, immortal souls, for whom Christ died, are yet living without hope and without God in the world. I commend them to the sympathies, the prayers, the enlarged liberality, and holy zeal of the Church. Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

C. WILLERUP.

We have taken steps to employ additional laborers; the young men referred to. Books are on the way, and will be in their hands at the time our friends are perusing these lines.

French Methodist Conference.

BISHOP MORRIS HAS EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION.

REV. CHARLES COOK, D. D., *Superintendent.*

THE following letter from Rev. Charles Cook, D. D., President of the French Methodist Conference, will be read with deep interest :

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, *October 7, 1856.*

TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY :

DEAR BROTHER,—Our labors in this country, and in France, present the same features of encouragement and difficulty which have distinguished them from the beginning. As far as the Gospel is applied, its success bears testimony to its undiminished efficacy ; but we are far from having “an open door,” in France especially, and there are many adversaries. The deep and devoted piety of our members is a constant source of encouragement and consolation to us, testifying to our fullest satisfaction that our labor is not in vain in the Lord, and that his presence and his blessing are with us ; while, at the same time, this very circumstance often deepens the grief we feel, that our work is shackled and our energies cramped by the operation of an unjust and illiberal law, which makes our religious liberty depend on the arbitrary will of an agent of the imperial government.

Loss of Ministerial Force.—We have been tried this year by a diminution of our ministerial force, and we had the grief of losing one respected, useful brother by death, and the still greater grief of losing another by an abandonment of our ministry, and grounded ostensibly on dislike to itinerancy, and followed by acts which have led to the loss, for a time at least, of the society which we had intrusted to his pastoral care.

Liberty Restrained.—The prefect of the Gard still persists in his refusal of religious liberty ; but, in one of our principal places, our brethren have reopened their prohibited meeting, and through the connivance of the inferior authorities, and the protection of public opinion, they have gone on for some months without interruption. The sword of the State is suspended, however, still over their heads ; and it will easily be understood what a paralyzing influence such a state of things will exert on such of our members as are not yet strong in the Lord and the power of his might.

Petition to the Senate.—Our recent Conference has addressed a memorial to “the Senate,” denouncing the decree of the 25th of March to that body, which, in the constitution given by Louis Napoleon, is especially charged with the duty of protecting the liberties of the people, and inviting them to consider whether that decree is not incompatible with the liberty of public worship, attributed by the constitution to every Frenchman.

Schools.—Our educational enterprises have evident tokens of the Divine bless-

ing resting upon them. The want of suitable teachers has prevented an increase of our labors in this department, in every way desirable; but we hope our normal schools will ere long supply this deficiency. The schools actually supported by us are only seven, and one more is about to be commenced at Paris. The south of France, Corsica, the Upper Alps, the Boraye of Normandy, have been favored with these institutions during the past year, and not without fruit, as it appears, to the glory of God.

Additional Ministers.—We have been enabled to call out some additional laborers this year, only one, however, from our French congregations. He is a young man of considerable promise, of a pleasing address, clear in his experience of the power of Divine grace, and prepared by deep spiritual exercises for the work to which he is called. We have obtained two young men from England and Ireland, who will be placed this year in our English congregations of Pontziband and Calais, where they will be able, while exercising their ministry in English, to prepare themselves fully for the French work, to which they feel called, and to which they devote their future labors.

Our Publications.—We are beginning to extend our printing operations. The sale of our books has doubled within the year. Five thousand copies of new tracts have been published and circulated. The first translation of Mr. Wesley's sermons having been found defective, a well-qualified translator has been engaged on a new translation. One of the preachers has engaged to translate that most admirable defense of the spirit and institutions of Methodism, which Mr. Arthur has given us in his recent publication, "The Tongue of Fire;" and several other publications, among which is an "Essay on the Christian Sabbath," from the pen of the Rev. Mr. Farjut, whose loss we have this year to lament.

Increase of the Work.—Various new openings for evangelization have been presented to the recent Conference, and accepted, at a considerable increase of expense. Among these is the appointment of a French preacher to Calais and its neighborhood. Here an extensive field presents itself, with many populous towns and villages, which have never enjoyed a Protestant ministry. We have had an English preacher at Paris for years, and though, of late, we have had a brother there who could preach in both languages, the demands of the English congregation and society have been such as to forbid effectually any enlargement of the French work. We have placed there this year one of the most talented and successful of our brethren. May the Divine blessing be on him and his labors.

Revival of Roman Catholicism.—We cannot but acknowledge that the present time is one of prosperity for the votaries of Rome, of such prosperity as they are capable of; they have more power than they have ever had in this country, and are, in consequence, enabled to obstruct the progress of Divine truth more effectually. The deadly wound which popery received in the French revolution appears healed, so much so that the Jesuits seem to think it useless now to wear any longer any mask or cloak; and the unchristian maxims and principles which, a few years since, they pretended were attributed to them falsely by heretics, are now openly avowed, defended, and gloried in; and when, quite recently, a writer of the old Catholic school objected to a journal openly avowing those maxims and principles, that the writers in it were compromising the cause of holy mother Church, the latter, by an appeal to the bishops, obtained an abundance of testimonies from these dignitaries that the course taken by these writers was agreeable to Catholic principles, (Catholic! so they call them,) and met with their entire approbation.

There is nothing certainly in this, or in the growth of superstition which is fostered thereby, which can be called prosperity in any Christian sense of the word, but still in itself, as well as in the increase of infidelity which results from a general reaction against it, there is much to prevent the success, the present success, of the Gospel. But if we are faithful to the Methodist principle, to go, not only to those who want us, but to those who want us most, where shall we find a field more inviting than France at the present day.

Success.—And we are not, blessed be God, without subjects of encouragement; everywhere converted papists are among the seals of our ministry in the Lord, and the moral and spiritual excellence of many of these sufficiently attest that the Gospel has not come to them “in word only, but in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance.” At Calais and at Paris, in the northwest and northeast of France, in its center and the south, we have converted papists, who are truly the excellent of the earth, the heaven destined to heaven the lump.

Protestant Opposition.—But it is not everywhere from the public authorities, nor even from papists alone, that we meet with determined opposition. Our evangelist in Normandy writes: “We are encouraged by the spiritual state of the work of God, but we meet with the most inveterate opposition from the national Church and the pastor, (Reformed.) The poor who frequent our meetings, or who send their children to our Sunday school, are not unfrequently deprived of their due share of the relief provided for the poor.” Among our most severe trials is the case already alluded to of our preacher in the Meuse, who has withdrawn from our society, and has accepted a place of pastor of the national (Reformed) Church in the town of Bar-le-duc, where we had stationed him. We might, perhaps, have found some of our ancient members, who would have preferred our ministry to that of an agent of a rationalist consistory, however excellent he might be individually, but it was impossible to send another preacher to the Meuse immediately. We have, however, at the last Conference, sent a brother of acknowledged talent, of great prudence, into that part of the field, where some recent invitations and encouraging openings invite our labors. Brother Bertine, who occupies an important post in the neighborhood, has in different towns and villages above three hundred hearers, a majority of whom are, by birth and education, papists.

“In short,” says the chairman of the northern district, “the work of the Lord is progressing. Our members are growing in grace. Emigrations have prevented our reporting a numerical increase, nevertheless we can bless God for truly spiritual success.”

In the southern district a general progress is attested, and in some places, as Vanvert, in the Nismes and La Vannage Circuit, a great blessing has accompanied the faithful and prayerful labors of our brethren. The same may be said of Vic and Calvisson in the same circuit, and of Anduze in the Alnis Circuit.

An Elect Woman.—Our little band has been sorely tried by the sudden death, by cholera, of one of the first of our converts from popery, a young female, who had begun to lay herself out for God in a way not so common as it ought to be, by visiting the sick and dying. The conversion on his death-bed of her godfather, who refused to receive the priests, and who died happy without them, had produced a strong impression on the town, some blaming, but others praising her. She was attacked by the cholera on the 28th of October last, and on the 29th entered into the joy of her Lord. The day before she wrote to Signor Rimather a letter, which he communicated to me yesterday:

"The 27th of October, 1855, at eight o'clock in the evening.

"What shall I say to you, O my brother? The Lord has manifested himself to me in an extraordinary manner, and has given me afresh the delightful assurance that I am his child, and that I may say to him, Abba, Father. O what happiness! Yes, this is true happiness. When I reflect on my love for the world and its pleasures, and that I was far from God so long, and that, notwithstanding my wanderings, he has withdrawn me from the gulf in which I was plunged, and now the pleasures of the world are abhorred by me, and I find no joy but in reading the word of God, and the good books you have given me! Among others, I have just read, with much edification, the work of Mr. Guers on Jonas. What a faithful picture of the heart of man, with all its ingratitude and selfishness! How wonderful that the King of kings should condescend to reason as he does with a mere mortal man and a sinner!

"My dear little girls never forget you in their prayers. I have been relating to Jeannette the history of our Saviour's sufferings. The dear child! her eyes filled with tears, and her little heart was deeply touched. She said, 'I can do nothing but weep when I think on what Jesus has suffered for us.' She promised me to be good and to do the will of God. I hope I shall have now more time to give to this dear child. Pray the Lord for me, that he may help me in this difficult task, that when he shall call for an account of my maternal stewardship, I may be found faithful. Adieu, dear brother, adieu!"

Access to Italians.—Rimather, to whom that letter was written, is with me in Lausanne. He has been in the Basse Engardine, the country of his parents, the inhabitants of which are Protestants, in a great state of spiritual death. The proper language of the country is the Romaine, the language of the ancient Waldenses, the language of the "Noble Legion;" and is still spoken by the inhabitants of the village in which Rimather was born, and, as I am informed, is still the language of the Bulgarian people. While I was at the Conference, Rimather came to Lausanne, and was led by different circumstances to visit and distribute the word of God among the Italians here, of whom there are a great number employed as navvies here on the railway, or as masons, house-painters, and plasterers. He has succeeded in getting them together, and for the last few Sundays has preached in Italian to from twenty to fifty of them, some of whom have begun to study the word of God with seriousness and diligence. For example: One day this week he went to the place where some of them dine at their dinner hour; he found them conversing together on the New Testament, which was open on the table before them. The next evening he went to another room, in which he found a dozen of them assembled, and one of them reading to the others the third chapter of the Acts.

Under these circumstances I have engaged Rimather to stay here for the present and preach to the Italians. He preaches in Italian with great force and great unction, and is just such a workman as we are glad to employ. I wish we had one or two more like him for Italy. Perhaps the Lord will give us some of these builders, who shall become builders in Zion.

The Drome.—In the Drome the work is progressing very encouragingly. It is the circuit in which we have had the greatest increase of numbers in the year. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit two years ago at our station at Bordeaux, and immediately after the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, in the neighborhood, of Christians of different denominations, is still felt in its blessed results.

Upper Alps.—In the Upper Alps our brethren have to contend with a great degree of religious formalism, accompanied with much spiritual pride and Antinomi-

anism. Travelers visit that country warmed by the relations of Felix Neff, and disposed to think every Protestant they meet pious, and especially those who are called Neff's disciples. There are perhaps more fallen Christians there than anywhere else in France. We had last year a shaking among the dry bones, but they have relapsed, I fear, into their former indifference. This circuit has been attached to that of the Drome, and a change of preachers may perhaps be blessed to the reviving among them of the work of God.

German Colporteur in Paris.—We have agreed to Brother Jacoby's proposal to support a German colporteur in Paris out of your grant; but I am bound to add that the estimate of our expenses next year surpasses by more than a thousand dollars our probable income; and if you can increase the grant you make us on the same conditions of our only drawing it in case we shall really want it, it will deliver us from some anxieties.

Switzerland.—I have omitted, I perceive, speaking of our work in Switzerland. We continue to enjoy the presence and blessing of God in our meetings, but we have not been successful in increasing the number of our societies in the measure which we expected. We have added some very steady, excellent Christians to our society, and there is among them a lively appreciation of the value of the doctrines of general redemption, the witness of the Spirit, and Christian perfection, of which we have some very consistent professors.

May I request of you, dear brother, to send me, as soon as possible, your authorization to draw for the sum your Board will place at my disposal in quarterly installments as it will be wanted?

I rejoice in your reappointment to your responsible situation. The great Head of the Church be with you, and bless your every work of faith and labor of love. Accept my best wishes and prayers.

CHARLES COOK.

South American Mission.

BISHOP AMES HAS EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION.

REV. G. D. CARROW and REV. H. R. NICHOLSON, *Missionaries.*

THE only place effectively occupied by this mission is the City of Buenos Ayres. The General Missionary Committee and Board have authorized the extension of the mission into the country around the city, in which are numerous Scotch and English families, many of whom are intermarried with the native Spanish population. Bishop Ames, who has Episcopal supervision of this mission, has appointed the Rev. William Armstrong, of East Genesee Conference, to this work in the country around Buenos Ayres, and he is expected to sail immediately after the next session of the Baltimore Conference. The General Missionary Committee also authorized the re-opening of the mission in Monte Video; and Bishop Ames is anxiously looking for a suitable man for this place, one who is willing to give himself and family to the establishment of this mission, and with it a good mission school, with a view of preaching to and teaching the native population.

Since the publication of the last annual report, the Rev. Henry R. Nicholson and his family have joined the mission. This brother was employed in the Wesleyan Methodist missions in Spain for a number of years, and speaks Spanish as readily as English. He has taken chief charge of the large and flourishing mission school, organized and conducted by Brother Carrow, aided by Sister Carrow. The General Missionary Committee and Board have authorized the sending forward reinforcements, with a view to service in the school, in order to release Brother Nicholson, to a great extent, and thus set him at liberty to preach the Gospel to the native Spanish population in their own language. It is believed that this may be done with impunity under the present government,

and in the present temper and tone of the public feeling. We have good hope that we shall accomplish these objects.

From the interesting letter which we give below from Brother Carrow and Brother Nicholson jointly, and from the facts and passages taken from a more recent letter from Brother Nicholson, in the absence of Brother Carrow, the Superintendent, on a visit to the United States, it is evident that the mission is widening its influence upon the population. Brother Nicholson says: Our mission church and parsonage are very commodious, and the capacious buildings leased for the mission school are the best in the city for such purposes. They afford a residence for the principal and his family, and would afford rooms for an assistant or two; and also for, say, thirty to forty boarding pupils, and one hundred day scholars or more.

From very carefully prepared and full statistics of the mission forwarded by Brother Nicholson, we learn that there are thirty-seven members in full connection with the Church, and two on probation. There are other persons, members of other Churches, who have voluntarily placed themselves under the pastoral care of the mission, but are not counted in the statistics. Brother Nicholson reports great peace and harmony among the members of the Church, and manifests great earnestness and zeal for a revival of the work of God in the congregation.

The institution of a large mission school, by Rev. G. D. Carrow, is the great event in the mission since our last Annual Report. We are glad to learn that the Church and congregation heartily support this great movement in connection with the mission.

From the carefully prepared and minute statistics sent us by Brother Nicholson, we learn that besides himself, as chief teacher and governor in the school, there are two male teachers, and one female teacher; that the branches taught are Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Philosophy, Book-keeping, Music, Drawing, English, Spanish, French, and German.

There are also organized in the school, one Bible-class in English, of twenty-six members, one in Spanish, of twenty-five members, and one in French, of seventeen members. The

school is opened dayly with reading the Scriptures, and public prayers. And when we remember, as the superintendent tells us, that a goodly number of these pupils are from native Spanish families, and the number is increasing constantly, and from good native families, we may see the value of this great missionary school, as an instrument for spreading the Gospel gradually, yet surely, among the native Spanish population.

The actual number of pupils in the school, as returned by Brother Nicholson, was 89, and increasing. Of these, 50 were English, 17 Americans, and 22 natives. Of these 89, 17 were admitted gratuitously, 13 partially gratuitous, 59 charged full amount. It is the opinion of the superintendent of the mission that the school, when fully organized, will nearly, if not entirely, pay its own current expenses, even while it extends gratuitous Christian education to those who may need it.

Brother Nicholson, on the authority of the Statistical Register, 1855, sets down the population of the city as follows: Spanish, 80,404; Italian, 10,279; French, 6,489; English, 2,048; German, 1,131; Portuguese, 629; American, 415. Total, 101,395. The native Roman Catholic population has for its use 62 churches, and each of the other nations has one church in the city.

The Sunday school forms an important part of the mission. It contains 131 pupils and 15 teachers. It is divided into Bible-classes, medium-classes, and infant-classes, and has a good library, and takes a goodly number of suitable periodicals, at a cost of over \$30. The collections for the use of the school amounted to \$65, and the expenditures to \$60. The missionary collections in the school amounted to \$25.

The following report from the two brethren actually engaged in the mission, gives the life-impression which they have of their own work.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

DEAR BRETHREN,—In presenting to you our annual report of the state of the mission under your care in South America, we feel constrained, first of all, to acknowledge the great goodness of our Divine Master, who has given us strength to labor in his service another year, and blessed our dear families with many blessings, and our charge with the light of his countenance. Some who were included in the statistics of last year have fallen away from our communion. Some have been transferred to the Church triumphant. Some have been added to the ranks of the remaining faithful. For Zion's losses we mourn. In her accessions we rejoice. Her

prospects for coming years animate our hopes, and inspire us with increased confidence. The remembrance of our personal delinquencies fills us with sorrow, and by grace we are brought to our Master's feet, not without hope of his forgiveness, and a firm belief that he will be propitious, and condescend to use us still as humble instruments to promote the glory of his name.

The working force of the mission was strengthened at the end of May by the addition of the Rev. Henry R. Nicholson, formerly of the British Wesleyan mission in Spain, and now a member of the Baltimore Annual Conference. Brother N., immediately on his arrival, took charge of the mission school, which had been organized in September of the previous year. He has had much experience in teaching, and feels a deep interest in the mental and religious culture of the children placed under his care, though preaching the Gospel, and especially the Gospel in Spanish, is the work which lies nearest his heart.

The day school has grown to be a very important interest of the mission. Its numbers now more than a hundred pupils, the majority of whom are children of Spanish parents. Reading the Holy Scriptures, with prayer, forms part of the daily exercises. By these means, as also by good example and counsel, the principal and his fellow-laborers in the mission are encouraged to believe that the children of their English speaking congregation will be greatly improved in mind and morals, and that a salutary influence will be extended to circles in which the pure word of God, alas, has been but little known. Full information having been laid before you respecting the details of the plan to be carried out in this department of our mission work, it is only necessary to express it as our continued conviction, that should the school be reinforced with teachers, according to the plan adopted by you in your late interview with the superintendent of the mission, it will defray its entire expenses, and shed a wholesome religious influence upon the community in which it is located. It is with us something more than an opinion that education should be sanctified to the glory of Christ, and that it can in all lands be made a powerful auxiliary in the great work of enlarging his kingdom in the earth.

We feel very desirous that the bishop having supervision may, with but brief delay, find himself able to send forward laborers to the new fields in South America, for whose occupation you have provided. Will not the Church pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest? Call, qualification, and success are with him, but let it not be forgotten that in the provision of a Christian ministry suited to the world's necessities, as in all things else, he will be entreated. And if, in answer to the prayers of his Church, a dispensation of the Gospel be committed to thee, brother, for foreign lands, then woe unto thee shouldst thou preach it not.

The Sabbath school belonging to the congregation of the mission continues to flourish. From this source the ranks of the Church's membership are recruited from year to year. Our faithful superintendent and his worthy assistants have abundant reason to thank God and take courage. It is known that the usual celebration was to take place on the 6th of November. Doubtless it was an occasion of much interest, as it has been for several years. The statistics appropriate to the several departments of the mission will be made up and forwarded immediately on the return of the superintendent.

In conclusion, we commend to the favorable consideration of the Board and the bishop having charge, the field on which it is our privilege and happiness to labor. We commend it to the prayers and sympathies of that branch of the Church

of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is in a peculiar sense the growth of the mission spirit. We believe that its proprietor and Lord is faithful to his promise, and that he will cause it to bring forth the fruits of righteousness to his glory and praise. Here, for nearly twenty years, our predecessors toiled, prayed, and triumphed. They did labor, and we have entered into their labors. May we in eternity rejoice together that we did neither run in vain nor labor in vain.

Praying to be held in your kind remembrance and dayly prayers, we are, dear brethren, yours affectionately in Christ Jesus,

G. D. CARROW,
H. R. NICHOLSON.

Africa.

BISHOP SCOTT HAS EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION.

MISSIONARY FORCE.

F. BURNS,	J. G. THOMPSON,
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H. H. WHITEFIELD,	S. WILLIAMS.
J. W. ROBERTS,	W. H. TYLER,
O. RICHARDS,	J. L. MORRIS,
E. W. DIGGS,	J. S. PAYNE,
J. M. MOORE,	J. W. HARLAND,
P. GROSS,	

TEACHERS.

REV. J. W. HORNE, A. M., Principal Monrovia Seminary.

MR. LE PAGE, Assistant.

MR. DANIEL WARE, do.

MRS. ANN WILKINS, Millsburgh Female Academy.

MISS MARGARET KILPATRICK, Assistant in do.

And twenty or more teachers of the common schools on the mission, whose names have not yet reached us.

WITH thanksgiving for the general good health of our missionaries during the past year, we have to enter upon the pages of this report, that our field in Africa has suffered sorely because, "by reason of death," Rev. Daniel Ware, Rev. James Byrd, and Miss Maria E. B. Staunton, "are not" with the sowers nor with the reapers, but with those who, having received their "wages," enjoy "eternal life."

DANIEL WARE. Concerning him, Brother Burns wrote :

"He departed this life, in the full and confident expectation of a resurrection to eternal life in the world to come, on the 22d day of January, 1856, having for more than a score of years been a member of our Liberia Conference. He has been a very laborious, faithful, and effective missionary of the cross. No doubt heavenly rest will be sweet to him."

JAMES BYRD. Of him Brother Burns wrote :

"It becomes my sad duty to report to you that another of your missionaries, Rev. James Byrd, has been summoned away from his field of earthly labor. He died at his own house at Lower Caldwell, on Sunday, the 10th of February, 1856, in full hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. He had been eighteen years in connection with this mission. Brother Byrd was a worker. He loved souls, and he labored hard and willingly for their good. In times of revival few men would toil and endure more than he. His end was one abounding with holy peace and comfort."

MARIA E. B. STAUNTON departed this life on the 15th of April, 1856. Her fellow-laborer, Sister Wilkins, who best knew her worth, wrote :

"Sister Staunton was a deeply pious and steadily devoted Christian whose aim was always to do good to others. Her desire for the eternal salvation of souls was like a burning flame, that consumed every other desire ; selfish ease and comfort of every kind were freely sacrificed to the one leading object of her life. She would weep at times, and was always aroused to the greatest earnestness, when speaking of lost souls, or the loss of a soul. In her long-continued and extremely painful illness, she often said she did not fear to die, or if it might be so ordered that her health might be amended, that she might devote her strength to the missionary work somewhere, though it seemed evident it could not be in Africa. She often spoke of great happiness in communion with her Saviour in those long, wearisome nights of pain, in which she could not sleep, and of firm faith in him. A sweet savor of her good example as a Christian missionary, and as a high-minded lady, remains where she has been known, though only for a short time."

SOME OF THE FRUITS OF OUR MISSION IN AFRICA.—First look at the statistics which close this article, and see the number of *native* converts now in the Church ; numbers have passed away to their eternal rest. See next the amount in cash and in work the people themselves have raised for churches and parsonages ; next the number of Sunday schools, teachers, scholars, and Bible-classes ; see also the testimony from strangers, wholly uninterested and impartial witnesses.

I. *Rev. George Thompson*.—It will probably be within the recollection of the reader, that this gentleman accompanied a number of recaptured Africans back to their own country, and established among them the Mendi Mission, which is bearing precious fruit. He returned during the past summer, having first visited Liberia and inspected our missions there, preaching in most of our congregations. In a letter to our Mission Rooms, Mr. Thompson says :

"I wish to say that I was very much interested in what I saw in Liberia, especially in your numerous and fine churches there. I enjoyed preaching in them very much. I preached in Monrovia, Caldwell, Clay-Ashland, Millsburgh, Mar-

shall, etc. I became acquainted with some most excellent brethren, especially Brothers Burns, Williams, Coker, and others. I was rejoiced to see them men of the right stamp for new places. I believe they will be very useful anywhere. I was pleased with your Sabbath and day schools, and many other things in Liberia."

II. A native African youth, who acquired a knowledge of the art of printing in our Book Concern at New-York, writes us from Africa that he is endeavoring to cultivate his farm beyond Heddington, and in the vicinity of a native tribe, to whom he endeavors to show the word of life by his manner of living, and by his attempts at exhortation on the Sabbath. He says the head man of the town retains and acts upon convictions produced in his mind by some of our missionaries years ago; he does not allow his people to work on the Sabbath, telling them that God hath forbidden it. This brother says he has built a small house for public worship, which, when the natives saw him erecting, awakened them to ask: "Will God man be here to tell we God palaver?" I told them, Yes. They all said, "We be plenty glad for that good news." Do our friends ask again, what are we doing for the natives? We reply, John A. Clarke is a native, Charles A. Pitman is a native, and these are in reputation among their brethren, and are beloved for their work's sake.

III. *Hear another Stranger*, though well-known to us as an early and fast friend of Africa, and the friend and patron of learning everywhere. We would premise his remarks by saying, that our mission has not only afforded us teachers from among the native converts; it has also brought out and introduced to the work of the ministry some of our native converts. But it has not until this period been our privilege to report, as we can now do, that a native Liberian has actually entered an American university. This fact led the stranger to whom we refer to say, through one of the secular papers of New-York, "it was the most interesting incident at the late commencement of the Wesleyan University." His own words are: "The most interesting sight to my eye was the appearance of a young *Liberian*, for admittance to college. I mean a *native* born Liberian, the son of a well-known colored Methodist preacher in Africa. He had been admitted into the Freshman class. He told me that *necessity*, not *choice*, brought him to this country for an education, and the sooner he went back the *better*."

NATIVE YOUTH CONTINUE to be received into our schools, and continue to be grafted into Jesus Christ by virtue of "the word of his truth," and the "ministry of his spirit." Brother Burns writes :

"Not long since, two little slave boys were captured, and those who took them in charge offered them to our mission. Under the operation of Bishop Scott's plan, they were taken and placed under the care of Rev. Philip Coker. We named them John S. Beagle and Apollo W. Borden. These are among the names you had sent us. The former had been named upon one before, but he is not."

"During the same week that your notice of the death of that dear woman of God, Mrs. Lydia Atwood, [formerly of Greene County, N. Y.,] reached me, a very fine native girl, from near Gallinas, was sent to me to be educated in our mission. I named her *Lydia Atwood*, as a remembrancer of her to whom, so far as the knowledge and practice of Christian holiness is concerned, I am under more obligations than to any other one now living on earth.

"Lydia is now at the Millsburgh school, after remaining in my family two months. She is about ten years old. May the Lord bless her!"

Amen! We hope to hear that she is among the native converts recently made, by the grace of God, in the revival of which we hear by Rev. Brother Horne, who wrote us that one was in progress among the native girls of Mrs. Wilkins's school.

REV. J. W. HORNE, A M.—The most devout thanksgivings are due to Almighty God for the gift of such a measure of health to this servant of the Church, the head of our educational interests in Liberia. He has been enabled to prosecute his labors with less interruptions than ever heretofore during an equal length of time. His family also, up to our latest advices, had been blessed with such good health as made them "a wonder to many."

THE PROSPECTS.—What they are in one aspect may be inferred from our late letters, which speak very favorably of the presence of the Rev. John Seys, of the Baltimore Conference, who accompanied the last expedition from Norfolk. Rev. J. W. Horne speaks of a trip up the St. Paul's, in company with Mr. Seys, and the Rev. F. Burns, of the Liberia Conference. This account indicates real progress in agriculture in the country. He says :

"In company with Brothers Seys and Burns, I made, the other day, a trip up the St. Paul's. It was very pleasant. Mr. Seys found many marks of improvement. I never saw Brother Blackledge's farm (at Upper Caldwell) looking as well. About sixteen acres or more, covered with coffee, potatoes, sugar-cane, cassava,

etc., in luxuriant growth. At Mr. Jordan's place (near Millsburgh) Mr. Seys and I were perfectly delighted; we felt as though we had returned to our native islands in the West Indies. There was a steam engine in full blast, and the sirup in the coppers boiling and smoking, and the sugar-cane being crushed in the rollers, and the cold liquor flowing! We found the grounds around the house at Millsburgh looking beautiful. Sisters Wilkins and Kilpatrick had them very tastefully laid out. We walked beside beds of various plants and flowers, and beneath arbors of fruitful and flowering vines, while in the background, the sweet potato, arrow-root, eddoe, etc., displayed their healthful verdure."

THAT *real progress*, however, which is earnestly looked for by us, is brought in a letter from Brother Burns, who again takes the presidency of the conference, after the very satisfactory superintendency of our esteemed brother, the Rev. Beverly R. Wilson. Extracts from Brother Burns's latest letter to us must conclude our account of the mission in Africa:

"I have just returned from another visit to Cape Mount. I beg permission to say, that all my former impressions, as to the importance and practicability of establishing, on broad and liberal principles, a mission among the natives of that point, are abundantly confirmed by my recent observations. My range of observation, compared with what it was when I was there before, was considerably enlarged, though not so much so as I had hoped when leaving home. I had prepared myself with the requisites for a tramp back into the bush, with a view of seeing the chiefs at their towns, discoursing with them frankly and at length about the objects of our mission, selecting sites for missionary operations, and presenting them with presents suited to their standing," etc. etc. [The necessity for this was obviated, as the president had called them to a convention at Robertsport for state purposes.] "They did not all attend. I nevertheless saw most of them; was introduced to them by the president in the character of a missionary, was warmly greeted, and pressed to visit them at their towns, with every assurance of gladdening welcome and protection in the prosecution of our missionary work."

Personal Appearance and Mental Endowments of these Natives.—"I have not seen in Africa any men bearing in their whole mien, physical conformation, and appearance, such marks of high mental endowments, as these chiefs. The elevation of the people they represent would evidently reflect a glory upon the Church, and Christ her great Head, in more ways than one. Dr. Durbin is aware they have elaborated an alphabet and a written language of their own, which increasingly is becoming the medium of epistolary, commercial, and even international communication. President Benson received, in this character, a letter from one of the chiefs, which was as readily interpreted by another chief, now in my service there, as can be conceived of. On my especial application for the letter, with a view to forwarding the original and a translation of it, as a curiosity, to the Mission Rooms, it was placed at my disposal, but I did not get hold of it."

After devising ways for maintaining and carrying forward the work commenced at Cape Mount, Brother Burns returned to Monrovia, and was greeted and gladdened by the arrival of a very important deputation from the natives of Niffou, a

people situated nearly midway between Sinou and Cape Palmas, and among whom neither missionary nor teacher has ever been sent. A leading man of their large tribe came, by the president's direction, to Mr. Burns, bearing a certificate of his character and standing in his tribe, and also the objects of his coming to Monrovia, signed by the superintendent of the Sinou settlement and several of our leading citizens there. He stated that his people had come to the conclusion to have no more war, to educate their children, and train them to become a people like the Americans. That in order to effect this, as they saw themselves unable to do it, they came to the conclusion to send a deputation to the president of the republic, to furnish them with a teacher and a Christian minister. He was accordingly sent, and on arriving his excellency directed him to Mr. B., who told him that on Friday he would give him an answer. In the mean time Mr. B. called upon the president to ascertain his opinion of the value and reliability of the deputation. The president was of the opinion that it was one of the deepest interest, and ought to be met by a cordial response. This conclusion Mr. B. had reached, and was glad to find his own views so fully agreed with in the expressions of his excellency.

Without controversy, Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God. There is, in the thinking and praying portion of the Church there, a growing interest on this point; and calls like the one just noticed, indicate that among the natives there is a noise and a shaking; that they are awakening from the dreamy superstitions of ages, and in the spirit of our Flat-Head Indians, more than a quarter of a century since, turn their faces toward the dwelling-places of Zion, and ask, Where is He that giveth songs in the night? But the *men*; O, for the *men* to meet these calls as they ought to be met.

A decided advance step.—"I am enabled, without hesitation, to report one step in advance of former times, in collecting means for the support of the Gospel among ourselves. That which has impressed me particularly during the present round of quarterly meetings, is the earnestness and confidence of success with which the preachers come up to the subject. Their timidity and backwardness, in my estimation, have been one of our greatest obstacles in the way of larger amounts and a better state of feeling. I think they are taking the right ground. They do not rely so much upon the effect of paroxysms of feeling, now and then gotten up, as upon getting the membership of the Church to feel, that to aid in supporting the institutions of the Church regularly, according to one's ability and income, is unquestionably a Christian *duty* incumbent on *all*. I must not anticipate the annual

report of the mission subsequent to the conference session, and therefore will await that period of clearer light and a broader view. I may say here, however, that the membership of the Church responds encouragingly and cheerfully to the calls of their preachers. Seeing them persistent and in earnest, they catch, by sympathy, the same feeling. Already some have expressed their joyous surprise, in realizing in their own cases the fulfillment of the promise, '*That which he hath given will He pay him again.*' "

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the principal of Monrovia Academy, and of the Committee on Education in our missions.

MONROVIA, December 5, 1856.

TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY :

DEAR BROTHER,—The revolution of another year has brought us once more to the time of holding our examinations. On Friday of last week, the 29th inst., the examination of the scholars of the lower department of the academy was held. His Excellency the President, the Rev. Messrs. Burns, Payne, Matthews, Mr. Le Page, and others, kindly afforded their presence.

Mr. Gibson, teacher of this department, conducted the examination of the scholars in the usual English branches. About twenty-three children were present; several were reported absent, because of sickness, etc. The most of the scholars appeared young, not over twelve or fourteen years of age. At the close of the examination, the president, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Le Page, addressed to the scholars some pertinent and discriminating remarks, assuring us, at the same time, that they had been pleased and encouraged by what they had observed.

Mr. Gibson is about returning, for a time at least, to Cape Palmas, and I feel pleasure in taking this occasion of testifying to the fidelity and diligence with which he has coöperated with me in the service of the academy.

Yesterday, Thursday the 4th, the examination of the scholars of the higher department took place. His excellency, with the other members of the committee, Mr. Le Page, and many visitors were in attendance. We cannot but express our obligations to the president in particular, for having patiently witnessed the examinations for several hours together, remaining to the last, on each of the days, and that at a time of the year, the meeting of the legislature, when his moments must be especially precious to him, evincing by such conduct the deep interest which he feels in the educational concerns of this youthful republic.

There were three classes to be examined in the various studies of the year. The third class, in Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, and History; the second, in two divisions, a male and a female, in Arithmetic, History, Natural Philosophy, Latin Grammar and Reader, and Bible Companion; the first, in Bible Companion, History, Physiology, Governmental Instructor, Rhetoric, Latin, (three books, Cæsar,) Geometry, (six books, Loomis,) and the male division in Bullion's Greek Grammar, and first part Reader.

We continued the examination from ten to half past three o'clock, and having gone through with the principal, though not with all the studies, such of the committee as had remained declaring themselves quite satisfied with what they had witnessed, we closed the exercises rather than adjourn them to the following morning.

The late exercises happened to show more nearly than they generally do, the real merit of the respective scholars. A few of the scholars did remarkably well,

and, in my judgment, the examination, on the whole, did not fall below a good average.

During the year we have been over much ground, quite as much as we could reasonably have been expected to go over; but whether that ground has been sufficiently surveyed and examined by each scholar in his place, may admit of question. It has, from the first, been one of my most difficult tasks, to stimulate the scholars to the exercise of their thinking faculty, while they have, in general, been ready enough in the use of the faculty of memory. I alone have been hearing, for the past year, twelve recitations per diem. Of course, not more than twenty minutes could be given to each recitation, little time was left for explanations, and had not the scholars, for the most time, been ready with their lessons, we could not have got through, as we have always done, day by day, from nine to half past two and three o'clock. The timely arrival of Mr. Le Page will, I hope, enable us to make such arrangements as will bring some relief in this particular.

I have now been teaching, without any assistant in my own department of from twenty-five to thirty scholars, for nearly three years. For two thirds of that time, I was under the influence, more or less, of fever, causing me much feebleness and weariness, and many interruptions of my labors. And what has been accomplished? Have we made progress? Those scholars who have been at the academy from the first, have secured a good English education; they have, in addition, been practiced in the usual sections of Algebra; they have several times gone over the first six books of Geometry; they have committed the Latin Grammar, and read in Bullion's Reader and the first three books of Cæsar. Three males of the first class have acquainted themselves with Bullion's Greek Grammar, and been advanced into the Reader. Two or three of the older scholars will now, I trust, prove themselves qualified, sufficient teachers, while several others may await the stability and force of character which a little more age should give. If our school is not all that heart could wish, keeping in view the disadvantages under which we have toiled, we thank God and take courage.

I shall submit this report for the approval of the committee, and with much respect and esteem remain,

Yours faithfully,

J. W. HORNE, *Principal.*

Resolved, That the committee concur in the Report of the Principal.

STEPHEN A. BENSON, *President.*

FRANCIS BURNS, *Secretary.*

N. B. Since the above was in type we have received information of the death of Rev. W. P. Montgomery, a member of the Liberia Annual Conference. Some suitable notice of him will appear hereafter.

STATISTICS.

Names of Stations.	Nos. in Society.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Day Schools.	Day School Scholars.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Teachers.	Superintendents.	Bible-Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Native Members.	Amounts raised in Work.	Amounts in Cash.
Monrovia.....	227	16	1	1	22	2	200	30	3	2	250	11	.....	\$1,840
St. Paul's River Circuit.....	197	24	2	4	113	3	90	12	3	4	30	12	\$4,500	300
Millsburgh and White Plains.	59	7	3	1	50	1	60	7	2	1	125	6	7,500	.....
Heddington and Robertsville.	7	2	.	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.	.	.....	56	500	.....
New Golah Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall.....	24	16	1	.	.....	1	16	2	1	1	120	.....	.....	590
Fidina Circuit.....	71	20	4	2	40	2	40	10	2	1	200	2	1,200	150
Buchanan.....	115	8	3	2	7	2	85	8	1	2	200	3	.....	2,829
Bexley.....	45	4	1	1	30	1	50	8	2	2	100	.....	4,000	600
Greenville.....	95	2	2	1	67	2	76	14	2	3	350	.....	550	410
Bluntsville.....	14	.....	.	.	.....	1	34	4	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....
Lexington and Farmersville...	42	2	.	1	25	1	20	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana and Readsville.....	84	5	.	2	76	2	77	12	2	2	100	.....	.....	385
Cape Palmas.....	181	50	5	4	95	2	78	12	2	1	210	1	.....	.....
New Georgia.....	34	4	.	.	.....	.....	22	.....	1	2	24	3	.....	.....
Cape Mount.....	2	17	.	.	.....	1	.....	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	42
	1,197	177	22	20	530	21	848	131	23	22	1,709	98	\$18,250	\$7,146

India.

BISHOP SIMPSON HAS EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION.

REV. WILLIAM BUTLER, *Superintendent.*

REV. R. PIERCE, *Assistant.*

THE Church was advised by our last Annual Report, that the Rev. William Butler, having been appointed, was shortly to sail. The eventful period having arrived, it has been occupied thus far, it will be seen, by beginning in good earnest.

A farewell meeting was held in Lynn Common Church, Lynn, Mass., on Tuesday evening, April 8, 1856. The Rev. William Butler, who had been pastor of the Church for two years, was to sail on the next day, with his family, on his way to India. At an early hour in the evening, the church being crowded to its utmost capacity, Mr. Degen took the chair, and religious services were conducted by the Rev. A. Merrill. Addresses were then made by Rev. M. L. Scudder and Rev. Dr. J. T. Peck, after which the chair called the Corresponding Secretary and Brother Butler together, and they ascended the pulpit, and, in the presence of the vast assembly, the Corresponding Secretary delivered to Brother Butler his commission, his letter of instruction, and his passport, with suitable remarks. In reply, Brother Butler spoke in a subdued and very appropriate manner, and every one felt that connections were being sundered which never could be restored.

At the close of Brother Butler's remarks, the hymn commencing,

"When shall we meet again,
Meet, ne'er to sever!"

was sung, amid many tears; and after the benediction, the multitude slowly retired.

April 9, 1856. Wednesday morning, at eleven o'clock, many friends accompanied Brother Butler and family on board the steamer Canada, which sailed at twelve o'clock. We stood on the dock until the majestic vessel turned her prow toward the sea, and then we turned away from our dear brother and his family standing on the quarter-deck, and may never see them more. Thus began our new mission in India.

April 19. At 5 o'clock, P. M., Brother Butler arrived at Liverpool, England. Let us now listen to the utterances of the heart of this missionary, as he looks upon the brethren about him, and thinks of the brethren from whom he had separated himself for the love of souls :

"O, what a philosophy is the love of Christ ! What consecrations it can inspire ; what sacrifices it can render practicable ; what service it can make light ; and what motives and purposes it can explain ! I never realized so deeply my indebtedness to the adorable Redeemer for all that constitutes the luxury of life, as I did on that morning of the 9th of April, when I parted with that company of the friends of my heart, and thought of the fact that they among whom I had gone preaching the kingdom of God, should see my face no more."

Let us take up the thread of history again :

June 8. He is in Liverpool again, having spent some time in London, and at other adjacent parts. He had the permission of the bishop having charge, and the approval of the Mission Board, to tarry a while in England and Ireland, to acquaint himself with his future field as fully as possible by intercourse with returned missionaries and the officers of missionary bodies in those countries, and also see once more, and probably for the last time, his "kindred according to the flesh."

July 31. He writes, being at Liverpool, saying, "This will probably be my last communication from Europe to you. When you next hear from me, it will probably be many leagues nearer to the climes of the sun."

August 20. He writes from on board the steamer, just ready to weigh anchor, to go and "live and die in India" for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Thank God for the honor ! I would not exchange my privilege of being a pioneer for Christ, to gain all the treasure which this fleeting world can bestow."

September 10. He is on board the *Nubia*, near Aden, south coast of Arabia.

September 25, in the afternoon, he is in Calcutta, and "in

the house of his dear friend, Mr. Stewart." "Altogether, I assure you it would not be easy for me to convey to you the cordial welcome our Church has received here, in the person of your humble representative."

November 7. He dates at Benares : "Here I am, in the 'Holy City' of Hindooism."

November 11. "We leave to-night [his good wife is with him in all his journeyings] for Ghazipoor. We spend next Sabbath at Azimghur, where it is arranged by Mr. Tucker, a man of great distinction, that I preach in the Government Church. Contrary, indeed, to his expectations, your humble representative has been called to 'stand before kings,' and to have all the assistance which 'the powers that be' can render him. Bishops, magistrates, judges, commissioners, and even the governor himself, have all been led providentially to welcome your mission to the shores of India. God and man invite us; let us enter and possess the land! We are well able to do so! May God make the Methodist Church faithful to the great opportunity he has opened to her!

"You need not expect to hear from me again until I write after the General Conference, [at Benares], sending my full and final report about the place chosen for our mission. As far as possible, I intend to furnish the reasons for my choice. But do SEND ON MY BRETHREN as fast as possible."

Here we part company with Brother Butler for a while. Meantime, we are expecting, with the early opening of spring, to witness the departure of Brother Pierce, with his wife and child, to join him in that great work to which we thought our Church was called, the evidence of which strengthens with every stage hitherto made. Will the Church forever bear their brethren on their mind?

We do not ask for them the flow of "the sympathetic tear," but prayer, that a blessing may be upon the crown of their heads, on account of the love which has separated them from their brethren.

Bulgaria.

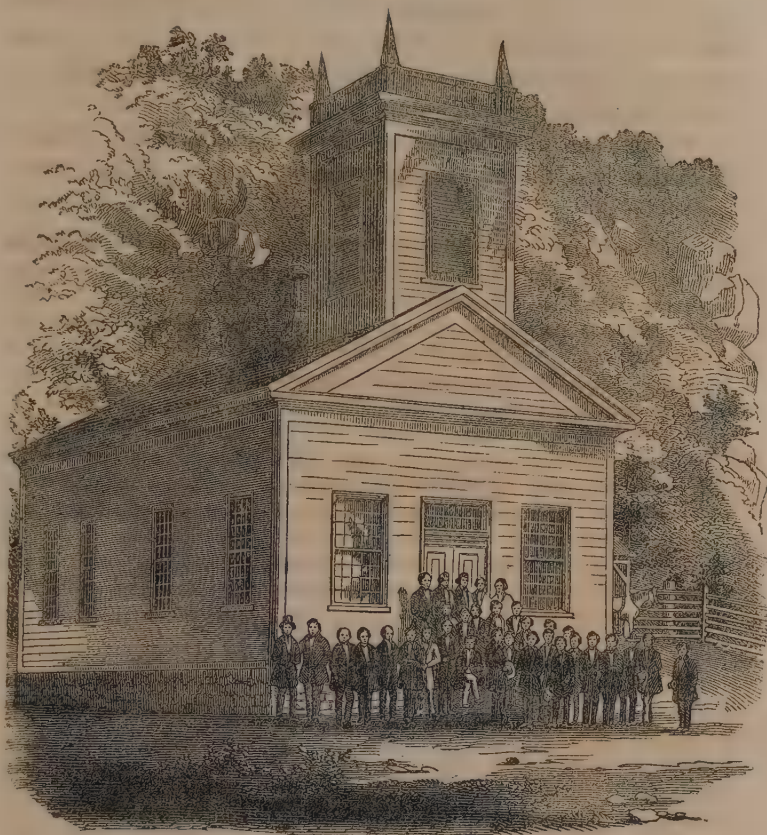
WHERE ARE THE MEN? This was the startling question with which we closed our reference to this newly-conceived mission in our former Annual Report.

The cry for the men has waxed louder and louder ; and now we hear it come quickly from the very field itself, as if awakened by the presence of a cloud of evil portent, from over and near the seven-hilled city.

We know not now but that there are those, *the* men, who may already have spoken to the bishop, saying, "Here am I." Our fear is, that we shall go to press without being able to announce to the Church that the man has been brought to light. The General Missionary Committee has provided the money, and the Church and Bulgaria await the men who are to be found and appointed by the bishop.



THE FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HONOLULU, SANDWICH ISLANDS.



FIRST M. E. CHURCH ERECTED WEST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

English Domestic Missions.

"WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT?"—In the year 1769, Mr. Wesley wrote a letter, and sent it by the two first missionaries, from the Wesleyan Methodists to the infant society in America. These brought with them fifty pounds as a token of brotherly love from Mr. Wesley and his fellow-laborers. And now we present our readers, *first*, with a cut of the "First Methodist Episcopal Church, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands," erected in the

year 1855. At the dedication of this church, which occurred on the eleventh day of November of that year, the people present on that occasion contributed three hundred dollars toward canceling the obligations created in its erection.

We present also, *second*, a cut of the first frame church erected west of the Rocky Mountains, of which Bishop Baker says:

"The above engraving is a correct representation of the first frame church erected west of the Rocky Mountains. The daguerreotype from which the engraving was executed, was taken during the session of the Oregon Conference in 1855, and the preachers are represented standing in front of it. The house is situated at Oregon City, which place was known in the early days of the Oregon mission as Willamette Falls. The scenery about the falls is quite romantic. As you ascend the Willamette River and bend around a projecting rocky point opposite the Clackamus River, you enter a narrow defile, having the Willamette Falls directly in front of you, and Oregon City at your left. The city is built on a narrow bluff, from twenty to forty feet above the river, just wide enough to admit of a street with houses and gardens on each side, and then another precipitous bluff rises some seventy or eighty feet above the main street. The church is built directly in front of the second bluff. A few shrubs, vines, and flowers grow in the fissures of the trap rock of which the bluff is composed, and renders the scenery, though somewhat wild, yet really beautiful."

ORIGINAL SUBSCRIBERS.—"A copy of the original subscription paper is now before me. It is dated Dec. 21, 1842, and headed by Rev. A. F. Waller, who was then in charge of the mission, with a subscription of fifty dollars, and by Governor Abernethy, with one hundred dollars. These subscriptions are followed by some twenty-five or thirty others, in sums varying from ten to one hundred dollars. The name of the church suggests our missionary operations in the territory, but the Church never had any connection with our Indian work. It was built for the white settlers at the Falls. On the opposite side of the river, and also just below the city, on the Clackamus River, were Indian missions. A few Indians still linger about this noted salmon fishery, but their numbers are small and their condition degraded."

We now have, as the lately published minutes show, a Church in Oregon, of 1,803 members, 490 probationers, or 2,329 in Church fellowship, under a ministry numbering 43 effective men. The membership of this most distant part of our domestic field, embraces now a greater number of members than were found in all America when the second conference was held for all the Church, in the City of Philadelphia, on the 12th of May, 1774! It may be said that our whole work was, at that day, one domestic mission field, in which we had 2,073 members, under the care of 17 effective men! Now we present the following statistics from one great field:

DOMESTIC MISSIONS distributed through forty-six conferences :

Missionaries.....	700
Members.....	55,000
Probationers.....	6,425

EXAMPLES of *Missionaries, of their Wives, of their Fields, and of their Labors, etc.*—We think it is well that the friends of missions should have before them some examples to show that the primitive work and the primitive spirit are still with us. Rev. A. Brunson writes from Prairie du Chien District, West Wisconsin Conference :

“ My present district, of six appointments, lies within the counties of Crawford and Richland, State of Wisconsin, east of the Mississippi and north of the Wisconsin Rivers. It embraces one of the heaviest timbered districts of the state. The soil is among the richest in the world, but the surface is very broken, and the country is but recently settled ; consequently the roads are among the worst in the state ; and having but few bridges, and none over the principal streams, the traveling is extremely bad and often dangerous, and sometimes I am compelled to go twenty miles round to gain a point fifty or sixty from home.

■ *A Prairie Incident, not uncommon to Itinerants.*—A few weeks since, on my way to a quarterly meeting, I was upset on the side of one of our mountain bluffs, and horse, buggy, and myself performed a complete somerset, rolling entirely over, and should have rolled down one hundred and fifty feet into deep water, if two young men present had not caught the buggy, and held it when on its ‘ beam end.’ I was injured some in my limbs, broke one shaft and my calash top, and had to travel three miles with but one shaft before I could ‘ repair damages.’ And then I cut a sapling, with a fork to it for a hold-back, and with the help of two rings spliced the broken shaft, with which I have traveled ever since, for want of time to lie still long enough to get a new one made.”

An Immense Mission Field.—A presiding elder’s district spreading over a field larger than the New-York Conference, embracing a population greater than in all Oregon. Rev. S. D. Simonds writes :

“ I have the Mount Shasta District. There are but few *real* settlements in its vast bounds—two hundred or three hundred. There are many *permanent* places, but few *permanent* people. All are rolling by ; ■ moving army encamped for a season ; an army fifty thousand strong, spread over sixty thousand square miles. The morals of the camp are prevalent. How shall the Gospel be preached to this people ? I have been out among them. The last five weeks I have traveled on mule-back five hundred and one miles, and preached twenty-two times, and visited and talked with many. If I take collections and beg my way, I find it hedges me up. If I do not, I must suffer or stop the work. I know it costs a great deal. At one place the brethren raised for me thirty-two dollars. I spent three days and four nights with them, and the charge for my mule, and lodging, and board, about half that time, was twenty-five dollars.”

REV. A. C. SHAW, a superintendent of the Indian missions in Detroit Conference, writes :

"I design, in about three weeks, to start around my district, which is seven hundred miles around, for the purpose of holding my regular quarterly meetings. My mode of traveling will be on *snow-shoes*, with my dog to draw my equipage. When I return I will write you again."

The REV. E. ARNOLD, who makes the communication from which we take our extracts, went out from the State of New-York as a missionary to California.

"Two and a half years' mountain travel on the northern district of the California Conference has resulted in giving me a weak knee, (strained and twice dislocated,) and in fixing in my naturally strong constitution some chronic disabilities, which will probably follow me to my grave, and perhaps considerably hasten the attack of our grim conqueror.

"But I regret not these scars; I glory in these wounds; and though obliged to retire sooner than I expected, and take an easy circuit near our cottage, among the pines, yet I bless God that I was enabled to continue the work long enough to see *ten preachers* appointed to Northern California.

"These two and a half years of pioneer supervision have been years of toil and trial, as well as years of some triumph and success. Five little ones have we buried. Several times have I given out, and laid down upon the ground by the wayside, till exhausted nature could recruit a little. Once was I borne down, mule and all by a swollen stream, for several rods, before the stout beast could swim me to shore. I have been in perils in the mountains, perils among savages and fierce banditti, perils in the floods, and perils among false brethren. But out of all, the Lord my Master hath delivered me with a strong hand, and given me some triumph in every place; and now, as I resign these onerous labors to a fresh hand, and turn over the maps, and charts, and plans, which I have been nearly all day preparing, I feel a sacred joy, which is inexpressible and full of glory. Thank Heaven, the work is to be supplied with a fresh recruit of zealous laborers.

"*California Annual Conference.*—The session has just closed at San Jose, (pronounced San Hozay.) Several additions were made to our itinerant ranks, but still the increase of laborers is not in proportion to the increase of the whitening harvest. If we had a score or two of strong young men, we could find plenty of work for them, providing they were not particular about the location or relative agreeableness of their fields of labor.

"California Conference glories in some strong men; picked men from the various conferences, generally between thirty and forty-five years of age, of liberal, or at least quite respectable attainments, and a strong ambition to reach some point of eminence as workmen and conquerors. Many of our young men are also giants before the Lord and the people. From all these causes, and from the vastness of our territory, the distance and expensiveness of our removals, and the great variety of our territory as to temperature, attitude, business, and population, it has come to be a very difficult work to make out the appointments wisely and satisfactorily. We already begin to feel that, though so small in numbers, our Conference is unwieldy in size; for a thousand miles in length, by two to three hundred in width, is quite too large a territory for any Conference.

“ Our reports show a rapid advancement of the work in all departments but members, and our work opens on all sides with promise.

“ *The appointments* were generally received with true Methodistic resignation, and though our laborious session closed after midnight, the preachers were on their way early in the morning, cheerful and full of hope. Some go five hundred miles north, others one hundred miles south ; some to the valley full of fruit and plenty, and of Italian beauty and geniality, while others rush far up the rugged Canon, among the snow-clad mountains. Some go to minister in splendid churches and to the wealthy ; while others go to preach in cabins, gambling saloons, and on the public streets, to the rough-bearded miner, in the rustic condition. Some of our families will live in plenty, and, if they move at all, move only by splendid steamers ; while others, with tender babes, will be mounted on the jogging mule, and rising slowly to the clouds, and going down to the deep gulches, and fording the rapid streams, will slowly wend their way, for many days, to their distant mountain homes.

“ *The Itinerancy.*—O, the itinerancy has not only made and shown heroes, but heroines, and little heroines. Mark the cheerfulness, and calm, sweet philosophy of these courageous men, women, and children, and tell me if our itinerancy is obsolete or destitute of a sanctuary in the depths of the heart. Glorious system ! but far more glorious is the grace that prepares for it and sustains the soul amid its sacrifices.”

Domestic Missions to Foreign Populations.

It was well said by our countryman, Dr. Baird, in his "Report on the Progress and Prospects of Christianity in the United States," read before the Evangelical Alliance during the great London Exhibition in 1851, that it is absolutely easier for us to provide for the spiritual wants of our entire native population than for those of the foreign. They are entirely unacquainted with our voluntary system. All who come from the continent, and many from the British isles, have been accustomed to look up to the state for everything that concerns the support of religion. We get but little help from them in that respect. They will in general submit to any toil and self-denial for the purpose of acquiring wealth, but they do next to nothing for the religious institutions of our country. But in treating of these same strangers in their new relations as converted men and members of the Church of Christ, a better report can be made of them; this will appear particularly in the case of our German Societies.

GERMAN DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

MISSOURI GERMAN DISTRICT.—Rev. John Hansam writes: "We hold on our way, and our statistics show that we are advancing. Our prospects also are very encouraging."

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.—Rev. John Plank writes in relation to one society: "We had a storm and some got overboard; but a calm has again come, and prospects are better." Of another he says, "The missionary cannot compass all the land he desires, but is working all within his power."

Incidents.—Brother Plank writes that a young man who was converted, was sorely treated by the family of his father, because he would pray for them. His oldest brother, a giant in stature and strength, took him by the hair of the head while he was praying for them all, and dragged him into the street; but he quieted himself under such great provocation, by trusting in the Lord and continuing instant in prayer. A camp-meeting was held a few miles from the residence of this family, to which the mother, a sister, and brother were induced to go, and on the first evening were forward for prayer; seeing this, the older sister, who had come out to see how matters were going on, rushed upon them like a tigress, but the preacher interfered, and soon the mother experienced the power of converting grace, and arose from

her knees shouting happy ; this so alarmed the daughter that she fled the ground, and only returned again to go herself to the altar, and sue for the mercy which she had abused. Her cries brought the relief needful to take away her guilt and burden, and make her happy in the Lord ; and soon the whole family were converted and joined the Church together.

The President of Freemen—free-thinkers, we suppose—attempted to ridicule the young converts, and promised to expose to them the foolishness of religion, but he got an arrow in his heart, which soon showed him that however it was with his head, his *heart* was in a most miserable plight, and he found himself in greater folly than he had charged upon the Methodists. It pleased God to open his eyes, and he then set out to confess his sins and to forsake them. He found the “pearl of great price.”

None but Catholics.—In one of our love-feasts, writes a presiding elder, all who spoke, except two, were converted papists. Those of our English brethren who were present wept for joy, at witnessing what had been done by the grace of God in pulling down the stronghold of Satan.

Self-supporting.—“I have three self-supporting stations in my district: we shall do our utmost to induce others to become so next year.”

In their Work.—“The preachers are all earnestly at their work, endeavoring to spread ‘Scriptural holiness’ among their countrymen.”

Rev. H. Z. Jacobsmuhlen, (who was missionary at Alleghany City,) transferred to our Foreign German field, elicits the following remarks from Presiding Elder Rothweiler, of the North Ohio German Mission District: “May he abound in labors in Germany as he did in his mission here. The mission which he left has been most prosperous.”

Self-supporting.—“On the whole, we have seven self-supporting stations and circuits on this district; one has determined on supporting itself next year, and has passed a vote of thanks to the Board. God has poured out his Spirit on the district during the year, and above three hundred souls have been added to the Church.”

Attention to Social Meetings.—One presiding elder writes, that the preachers attend with commendable zeal to the classes, to the prayer-meetings, and to the Sunday schools, and, as a matter of course, we find in his annual report an account of improvement in every material and spiritual interest.

“Sweet Home.”—A church has been built in this place. “Its spiritual condition is good,” and that is as we should expect.

California German District.—We have the first German evangelical church ever erected on the Pacific coast, and such, too, is the case with our church in the English language.

True Ambition.—Brother Kellner, the superintendent, says: “We are very thankful for past favors, and feel well assured that if the pastor of San Francisco be supported for another year by the mission funds, and the Church debt paid, as it can be in another year, we shall be able to get along in San Francisco without an appropriation, and hope that this may soon be the case with the other appointments. It has always been my desire, like Napoleon, to gain enough of men and means from the enemy to carry on successfully the holy war against the devil and his legions.”

Self-denial—Feeling what they give.—One superintendent says of one charge, “The people are willing enough, but are as yet too poor to do much. What they do now give is from their own mouths and from off their own backs.”

All Methodists.—Blessed be God! We join the superintendent who writes thus; for all the Germans in the mission he speaks of are converted, “and we cannot expect any more.”

Why they do not support themselves.—“This is an old mission, and would be well able to support itself, only that the members, as fast as they become able, take letters and emigrate further West.”

☐ *This is true of very many of our missions in the domestic field, East and West!*—COR. SEC.

Action of General Missionary Committee endorsed.—As long as I have had the confidence of the Church, to be superintendent of a district, my aim and advice have always been never to start a German mission where there was no fair prospect that it would support itself within a reasonable time; and as soon as I find the membership able, by doing their whole duty, to support their own pastor, I try to make them do it. I am of the opinion that a person will never learn to swim before he gets into deep water; so a society does not often know what it can do until it tries. You will find, in my statistical report, that the societies do all they can on my district, and although the most of them have had extraordinary expenses in building churches and parsonages, and we have not many persons well off in earthly goods among them, they have, in the support of their pastors, in raising missionary money, and in the other conference collections, done their duty. I am so particular on this point on account of the late well-timed action of the Missionary Board.

Making Americans of them.—We highly approve of the course indicated by one superintendent: “We have Sunday school once a day in the English tongue, and preaching too, that we may make our people Americans as fast as possible.”

A Laborer entered into rest—“One of the missionaries in our field has gone home to glory during the past year, departing in great peace.”

WELSH DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

THE ONEIDA CONFERENCE.—Of the Welsh Mission in Utica, Brother Herbert, the missionary, writes us :

“The present state of this little mission I will briefly describe thus :

“Members in society, fifty ; probationers, three ; Sunday-school attendance, fifty, and eight teachers ; congregation, about one hundred and twenty.

“Within the conference year now ending twelve members have removed West, three have experienced “the pain, the bliss of dying,” two returned to the “city of destruction,” five came here from the mother country, and six from the world have joined the followers of the Lamb. We have not been blessed with a revival, but our members generally are in a good state of Christian experience, very faithful with all the ordinances of God’s house, and endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

“As to our finances, our collections toward missions, Bible, alms, Church expenses, and ministry, will not amount to more than three hundred dollars this year ; yet, according to our means, I think there is not one charge in the whole Methodist Episcopal Church that has done better than we in this matter.”

OHIO CONFERENCE.—The Rev. A. Carroll, Superintendent, writes us :

“That the two Welsh Missions at present are connected under one pastoral charge for the sake of convenience, namely : the Ironton and the Gallia Missions, embracing some three or four appointments, which we call the Ironton and Gallia Welsh Circuit. On this work we have two Welsh preachers ; and the circuit has a membership of sixty, and a Sabbath school numbering, on an average, one hundred scholars. This mission, embracing the two as above, raises about one hundred and fifty dollars toward its support.”

THE NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE.—This mission has prospered under the care of the Rev. T. Thomas, who, having been two years more in the field, was transferred to the mission in the Ohio Conference, from whence the Rev. John Ellis has been transferred to serve the New-York Mission. He has entered upon his work with a good prospect of success. Of this mission it is due to say that the people distinguish themselves by fidelity to the means of grace in our economy, and by great liberality in the support of the institutions of the Church.

BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE.—The mission in this Conference has been more prosperous than for some previous years.

	Missionaries.	Members.	Probationers.
Baltimore.....	1	20	0
N. Y. East.....	1	46	5
Black River.....	1	102	5
Oneida.....	1	52	2
Wyoming.....	1	17	0
Pittsburgh.....	1	30	3
Ohio.....	1	60	7
Wisconsin.....	3	76	9
West Wisconsin.....	1	9	9
	<hr/> 11	<hr/> 412	<hr/> 40

FRENCH DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DETROIT CONFERENCE.—The Rev. Thomas Carter having been transferred to another field of labor, writes, at the time of his departure :

"I have now been in connection with the Detroit French Mission nearly five years. During that time the church and parsonage have been erected and paid for. A large and flourishing Sabbath school has been raised up, and all who belonged to the Church have joined it within that time excepting seven. During those five years, what times of rejoicing and what times of discouragement. My successor, Rev. John B. Cocagne, late of the New-York French Mission, arrived a few days before I left, and commenced his work among the people."

IF Brother Cocagne served them one year, and was then, at his own request, transferred again to his own conference ; but as some time was to elapse previous to its session, he set out to visit his relations in his native France, and was lost by the sinking of the steamer *Lyonnais* when but a few days out.

BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE.—Rev. G. Baker, the superintendent, writes of

"*Croghan French Mission.*—This is a new field. It lies on Black River, mostly on the east side of the river, and extends into two counties, Jefferson and Lewis. There are here large settlements of French people. They have a Roman Catholic priest among them ; but there are some Protestant families, some infidel, and some Roman Catholics who attend the Protestant worship. Several of the last class have been converted since the missionary has been among them.

"Brother M. Taylor, the missionary, informs me he has now thirty members in class, and the prospect is flattering for the future. Worship is conducted in the French language at all the appointments except one. In one neighborhood he preaches occasionally in English. The missionary derives some support from the people, and receives a part from the Missionary Society. This mission was undertaken as an experiment. So far its success has, perhaps, met our expectation. I am not able to give the number in society. I think, in every appointment, there is an advance from last year. All the Sunday schools are flourishing."

TROY CONFERENCE.—Brother L. N. Boudrye was received into the Troy Conference at its last session, and sent into the northern part of this state, where we have a number of French residents; they all attend his ministry, and four have recently been converted. He says “the transformation is glorious.” All attending the means of grace seem to be deeply concerned; some, he thinks, are near the kingdom. This missionary is purposing to go “beyond” his present sphere of labor after others of his countrymen who are as “sheep having no shepherd.”

The incorporation of the converted French into our American societies, is constantly drawing upon the numbers of the feeble French classes. This is especially the case in Detroit. It is the same, to a greater or less extent, with the French of New-York, Black River, and Vermont. But more than all, we find that the want of an able man in the French—a native, and equally able in our own tongue, like the lamented Jones of the Baltimore Conference—is the really great want in our French work. For a relief at this point we must look to that Divine Providence which has heretofore been our help.

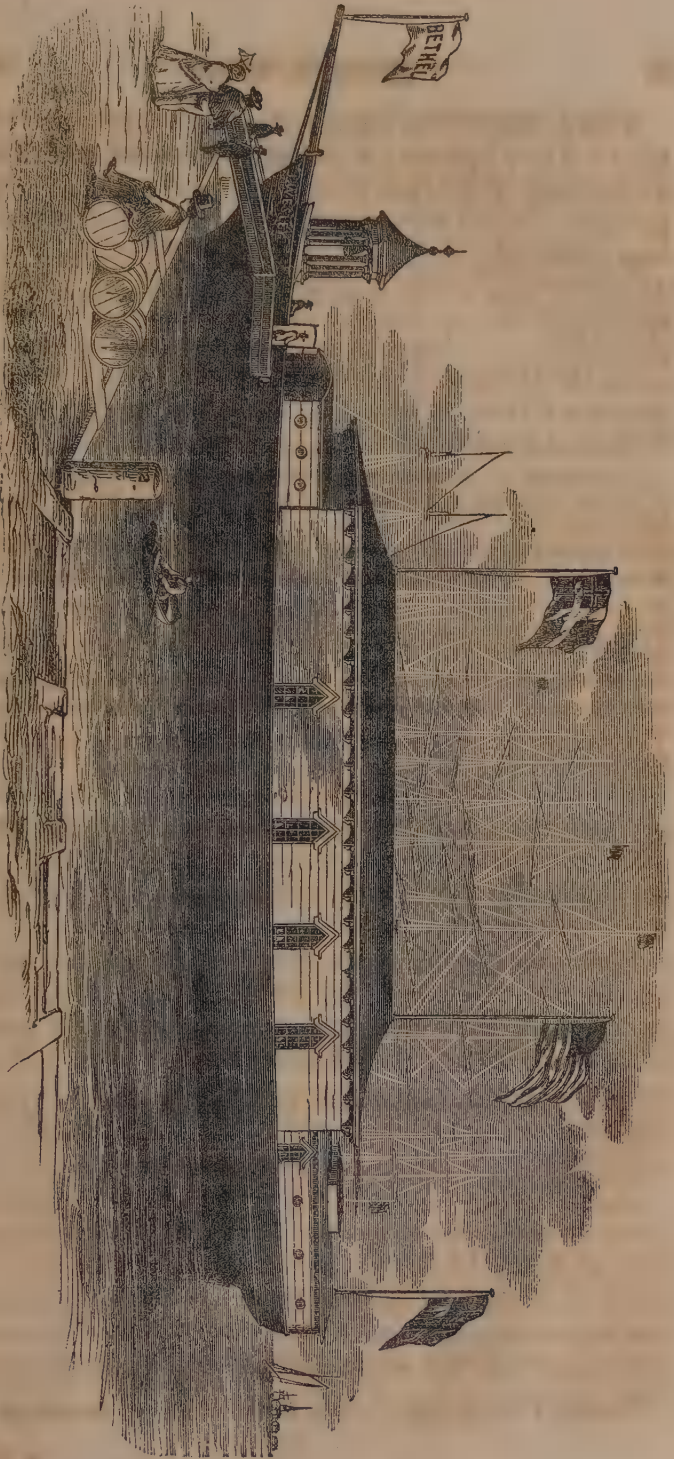
FRENCH.

	Missionaries.	Members.	Probationers.
Black River	2	147	37
Detroit	1	9	14
	3	156	51

THE SCANDINAVIAN DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.—The New-York Seamen's Bethel takes the precedence among the Scandinavian missions, and justly too, for she is the “mother of them all.”

Pastor Hedstrom, with his assistant Brother Newman, are just upon their new year's work, much after the manner of the renowned Jabez Bunting, who began with his quarterly renewal of tickets to the members by saying, “Come, now, let us begin anew: repentance, faith, and holiness: a penny a week, and a shilling a quarter.” So with these self-denying and laborious servants of God and man.



THE NEW BETHEL SHIP JOHN WESLEY.

A New Ship.—The trustees of the ship wisely resolved to have a new vessel, the old one having become unseaworthy. They expect to have her in readiness for dedication early this spring.

ERIE CONFERENCE.—Rev. J. Bredberg, missionary, is preparing to build a church at Jamestown, Chatauque County, New-York.

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.—Rev. R. R. Wood, superintendent of Lacrosse District, writes us concerning the Scandinavians in this district :

“Norwegians.—The Viroqua and Richland Norwegian Missions were at our conference connected with this district, but at the Wisconsin Conference there was a separate district formed for the Norwegian work. Before I was informed of the change I attended the quarterly meeting of both works. The missionaries were at their work, and indications were favorable for much good during the year. I have tried to impress the Norwegian brethren with the importance of aiming at self-support as soon as possible. I explained our system, and induced the quarterly conference to appoint a committee to estimate the table and fuel claim of the preacher, and as the appropriation was designedly less than the claim, they entered into an arrangement to raise the deficiency; and I think if this policy is pursued, that they will, at an early day, support their own preachers, or become identified with the American work.”

PEORIA CONFERENCE.—Rev. J. J. Hedstrom, that indefatigable laborer for his countrymen in the West, has now a band of laborers under his supervision, who will doubtless give a good account of their efforts in the work to which they have wholly given up themselves.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.—Here it is that we have our first regular Scandinavian district, with Rev. I. M. Leihy, who has been, for some years past, more or less devoted to the interests of the Scandinavians, for superintendent.

“Norwegian Mission District.—I. M. Leihy, presiding elder.

Cambridge Mission, N. Johnson.

Racine Mission, L. Peterson.

Heart Prairie Mission, Steen Steenson.

Winnebago Mission, to be supplied.

Primrose Mission, to be supplied.

Viroqua Mission, O. B. Knudson.

Richland Mission, J. C. Spellum.

Upper Iowa Mission, Neils Oleson.

St. Paul Mission, S. Anderson.

Minnesota Mission, C. P. Agrelius and J. Tidland.”

Brother Leihy's report, made in the month of November last,

will interest the friends of our cause. Addressing the Corresponding Secretary, he says :

"I have delayed writing until now, that I might be able, from personal observation, to give you more correct and reliable information of the condition and prospects of the Scandinavian missions in the Northwest, under my care.

"*Forty Thousand.*—There are probably, according to the best information I can obtain, about forty thousand of these people residing in the bounds of the Wisconsin, West Wisconsin, Upper Iowa, and Minnesota Conferences, all of which are embraced in my field of labor. We have now employed among them twelve missionaries on eleven missions or circuits, comprising a membership of about two hundred and fifty.

"We have two churches completed, one at Cambridge and one at St. Paul; and two in progress, one at Racine and one at Heart Prairie. These churches, when finished, will have cost about eight thousand two hundred dollars, and there will remain a debt on them, unprovided for, of about two thousand five hundred dollars.

"We have also a *parsonage* at St. Paul, which has cost five hundred dollars, which Brother Anderson, the missionary at that place, has built almost entirely with his own means, taken from the scanty allowance of a missionary.

"*Good Fruit.*—We have among our missionaries some young men of great promise to the Church. We have also several of unquestioned piety, who feel moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel, and are asking earnestly for the means and facilities to obtain an education, that they may be qualified for this most responsible calling.

"*Necessities.*—The mission greatly needs several more men; and what makes this necessity still more pressing, is the circumstance that many who have been converted at our oldest and most prominent points, have removed into distant neighborhoods and newer and sparser portions of the country, where they are entirely destitute of the means of grace, and are very likely to be lost to the Church. We think that we hazard nothing in saying, that if all who have been converted through the instrumentality of the mission could be gathered up and formed into classes, in the different settlements throughout this vast region of country, our numbers would be increased by hundreds.

"Our missionaries are doing all that they can in this department of the work, but nothing to what the necessities of the case demand.

"*Financial Help Wanted.*—The mission also needs financial help, for the purpose of relieving the churches already built of their serious embarrassments, and also for church extension."

The statistics which follow, when taken with the items we have furnished, will show that we "neither labor in vain, nor run in vain," in our care for the Scandinavians.

CONFERENCES.	Missionaries.	Members.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.
New-York	2	59	39	2
Erie	1	60	50	0
Rock River	1	130	43	0
Upper Iowa	1	45	19	1
Peoria	5	0	0	0
Iowa	2	90	20	5
Wisconsin	11	75	10	4
West Wisconsin	2	174	27	4
Minnesota	3	40	12	0
	28	673	220	16

INDIAN MISSIONS.

A "mournful chapter" it is indeed in the history of our beloved land; the chapter of her wrongs to the Indians. We now write of some attempts to repair the wrong, and of efforts to bless the children of those fathers who have melted away before the march of civilization.

BISHOP BAKER, upon whom it devolved to visit the Indians under our care in Kansas and Nebraska during the past year, gives expression to the united judgment of the friends of the Indians of this country in these words: "No act has been made clearer by the operations of the last quarter of a century among the Indians, than that their elevation and Christianization depend upon their giving up the wandering habits of the chase, and adopting the industrial habits of civilized life."

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.—The Rev. W. H. Brockway, superintendent, writes:

"My first quarterly meeting for this year was on the Janesville Mission, at Pesahgening, on Saganaw Bay, fifty miles north of Saganaw City, twenty-five miles of which is through an almost unbroken forest of pine and hemlock, with only a bridle path cut through it. The day being rainy, and the traveling bad, we did not arrive till late in the afternoon of Saturday. The meeting in the evening was of an interesting character, and on the Sabbath we had a most precious time indeed. It was one of the best meetings it has been my lot to attend anywhere. This is one of the places that has been selected by the Indians and the government as a permanent settlement. Much of the land is poor, but some is very good, and they have six townships to select from. I think all can be accommodated who may wish to settle here. We have no better Indians, or better Christians, than many of those located on this coast; and though I regret they could not all have been induced to settle in Isabella County, yet I think this will be a good settlement, and I believe the Missionary Society will not give them up. The old house is so bad that we may not be able to have much school this winter; but in the spring we must have a new house, which is needed as much for meetings as for schools.

"On the 15th and 16th of November we were at Swan Lake, near the shore of Lake Michigan, on the Nottawa Mission, which was also a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

"*The Servant of All.*—At this place there is a very good man, who is very hard of hearing. He is known as Deaf Jimmy. He has a great sense of the honors and responsibilities of office. He had formerly been the hornblower to call the people together for meetings, but by some means this had been given to another person. On Monday morning he came to me, saying that he was not willing to be an idler in the vineyard, and wished for some work to do. I asked him what he could do.

He said he could bring the water, chop the wood, make the fires, and take care of the horses of the missionaries at all the meetings. I accordingly drew up the commission, setting forth distinctly his exclusive right to perform these services. He laid the document carefully away, and was ready at once to enter upon the responsibilities of his office. While many of much greater ability shall hear the sentence, 'Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity,' I doubt not but this simple-hearted son of the forest shall be finally approved by the Saviour.

"On the 29th and 30th of November our appointment was at Kechesening. The attendance was large, and the meeting excellent. Not a few were down from the new settlement in Isabella County, a distance of from thirty to forty miles. Brother Griffin, the missionary, who has visited them, says they have gone to work like men at their chopping; and though they are compelled to pass the winter in wigwams made of the boughs of the trees, they have already from two to five acres each chopped. Our next appointment will be there. I don't know what kind of a time we shall have for quarterly meeting in midwinter, in such a forest, with naught for our place of meeting but a wigwam of brush; but I believe that God will be with his people to the end, even in the wilderness."

In the month of July Brother Brockway had written :

"We have fixed a time next month, in which, at least, a detachment of the Indians will start for Isabella County. I am to go with them. It will be both a laborious and expensive business. We have to make our way about fifty miles beyond any considerable white settlement, and most of the way without any road whatever, and that through heavy timbered land. Now, if any of you think it will be a pleasure trip, suppose you come up and join us on it."

In September he wrote :

"The most of the people of the Kazier Mission left their old for their new homes in Isabella County within a short time past, about the 10th of August, in company with Brother Johnson and the interpreters. I went with these people to that county to examine and select their lands for their new homes. There were about one hundred men in our party. We selected lots for ninety-eight persons while I remained, and many others have done so since. The country is a vast unbroken wilderness, without even roads that are better than deer paths.

"I have just now received from Brother Johnson the minutes of twenty-six additional lots that have been selected since I left there; and the Kazier Quarterly Conference resolved to have their next quarterly meeting there, though they have not a single habitation better than a cloth tent or a bark wigwam. How soon we shall be able, together with all these scattered sheep of the wilderness, to get fully established in this new location, without a mill or road for many miles, I cannot now tell. But we trust that the years shall be few till this wilderness and solitary place also shall be glad, and this desert bud and blossom as the rose."

DETROIT CONFERENCE.—The Rev. A. C. Shaw writes :

"I went to Iroquois Point on the 18th of October, to hold my first quarterly meeting. I found all the Indians at the Saut Ste. Marie receiving their payment. Liquor was dealt out to them bountifully. One poor Indian found a watery grave in consequence. My heart sickened within me to see the pagan Indians, men, women, and children, lying drunk in the streets.

"*Not one Christian.*—But amid all their drunkenness, not one who was con-

nected with our mission was intoxicated. On Saturday, in council with the missionary and Indians, it was decided that they could not get through with their payment in time to go to the mission to hold our quarterly meeting, so we held it at the Saut Ste. Marie.

"Quarterly Meeting and Sacrament.—Sabbath morning I preached, through an interpreter, to a large company of Indians. Many rejoiced, others wept. At three o'clock P.M., I preached to the whites, and in the evening we had our sacramental services. It was truly a time of rejoicing. What a contrast between the pagan Indians yesterday lying drunk in the streets, and the Christian Indians to-day celebrating the death and suffering of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I think, doctor, if you and the Missionary Board had been present and witnessed the scene, instead of being discouraged at the small results obtained in our Indian Missions, you would have exclaimed, "What hath God wrought!"

"Rev. G. M. M'Dougall, the Indian missionary at Garden River, in Canada, was with us and took a part. He is a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and a most excellent missionary.

"On Monday, Brother Price, Brother Bertram, the German missionary, myself, and the Indians, took small boats and went to Iroquois Point, our missionary station, where we spent most of the week in visiting from house to house, and praying with them. On the 29th I returned to Saut Ste. Marie, to take a boat for home."

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—Rev. L. B. Dennis, superintendent, gives the following account of the Indian Missions under his care:

"The Shawnee Indian Mission is connected with the Lawrence mission. This is about as last reported. The old members seem firm, and manifest a willingness to work whenever called upon. Brother Lovejoy reports one hundred and fifteen, including sixteen Shawnees.

"Delaware and Wyandot Mission.—Rev. J. H. Dennis, C. Ketcham, and Squire Gray Eyes, Wyandot, are on this work. Brother Dennis has been sick nigh unto death. The spirit of persecution arose when the brother was taken sick, and the Wyandots could hold no evening meetings. The parties persecuting went from bad to worse, until they burned a large Bible belonging to the church; but, still more, on the evening of the 8th of April they secretly fired and burned their house of worship to ashes. On the same evening, the house of worship for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was burned in the same manner. That was a most beautiful brick building, well-arranged and well-finished, with a very neatly finished basement. We may now say, emphatically and truthfully, the Wyandots have no house of worship, and while the present power rules it is foolishness to build any. May God help us to humble ourselves, and pray mightily for the end of this tyrannical reign: we think and hope it is short.

"The Delawares are in a better condition than they have been for years. We had an excellent time at our second quarterly meeting there. Some of their prominent men united with us on trial. In the two missions united there are one hundred and twenty-four."

Brother Dennis concludes by saying: "We need more men in Kansas. Our prospects, all in all, were never brighter than now."

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.—BISHOP BAKER, having presided at this conference, has given us the result of his observations, and as they enter into the history of our Indian work, we think it well to preserve them, or a part of them, here.

Wyandots.—The fact that our Church commenced its Indian mission operations first among the Wyandots, and that we reaped such early precious fruit among them, gives a special interest to that tribe among our people. Our government, in its treaty stipulations for their Ohio and Michigan lands, assigned to them a tract of one hundred and forty-eight thousand acres on the southwestern borders of Missouri, but when it was examined by a delegation of the tribe, they reported that the country was not adapted to farming purposes and to their wants. On the 14th of December, 1843, the Wyandots bought thirty-six sections, of six hundred and forty acres each, of the Delaware Indians in the forks of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers, and the Delawares, on account of their previous friendly relations to them, donated to them three sections more. These lands are situated in nearly a square form, a little more than six miles square, beautifully located and very fertile. This purchase was approved by our government, July 25, 1848. In 1850 all treaty covenants between them and our government were relinquished, and they have abandoned their *tribal* organization, and have become citizens of the United States. Living as they do in such close proximity to the white settlements, they feel deeply the corrupting influence of the whites upon their children, and many have contemplated a removal to their brethren in Canada.

The Delaware Reservation lies on the north side of the Kansas River, and embraces a tract of forty miles long and ten miles wide, extending from the Missouri River to a short distance above Leecompton. The Shawnee reservation is bounded on the north by the Kansas River, and on the west by the State of Missouri, and embraces a territory of thirty miles long and twenty-five miles wide, extending up within a few miles of the City of Lawrence. Our missionary operations among the Indians of Kansas have been confined principally to the three tribes above mentioned. In the southern part of the territory, on the Little Osage, we have some ten or twelve members among the York, Muncie, and Stockbridge Indians.

The division of our Church in 1844 introduced the slavery question among the Indians in Kansas, where we had established missions, and many of the Wyandots, Delawares, and Shawnees, did not affiliate in Church relation with the missionaries who dwelt among them. The anti-slavery portion of our old friends petitioned the authorities of our Church for missionaries from the Church which they joined in the days of their espousals to Christ. Missionaries were sent to them, and they have been continued among them until the present time. These tribes are as fully divided on the subject of freedom and slavery as the white settlers in Kansas, and this subject now divides their councils in all their elections to office. The Wyandot Society has been deeply afflicted during the past year. Without mentioning their troubles occasioned by drunken pro-slavery Indians, their meeting-house has been burned down, and their most excellent and devoted missionary, Rev. John H. Dennis, has been called to his reward. Our society among the Wyandots numbers about one hundred members, one exhorter, and two local preachers; among the Delawares twelve members and one local preacher; and among the Shawnees sixteen members, one exhorter, and two local preachers.

In each of these tribes we have a local preacher, who exerts a strong religious influence.

Among the Wyandots is Esquire Gray Eyes. He is perhaps a little below the ordinary size, yet compactly and strongly built. His expression denotes great firmness and resolution. In early life he was a distinguished *brave*. At an early period the Catholics introduced their religion among them. Between-the-logs, in one of his reported speeches, gives the following account of them: "But a great while ago the French sent us a good book by a Roman priest, and we listened to him. He taught us that we must confess our sins, and he would forgive them; that we must worship Lady Mary and do penance. He baptized us with spittle and salt; and many of us did as he told us. Now we thought, to be sure, we are right. He told us to pray and to carry the cross on our breasts. He told us also that it was wrong to drink whisky. But we found that he would drink it himself, and we followed his steps and got drunk too. At last our priest left us, and this religion all died away." Squire Gray Eyes was for a time connected with the Catholics, and held some ecclesiastical office among them. About the time that Father Finley labored among the Wyandots, he embraced religion, and became an active promoter of the work of God among his brethren, in connection with Monuncue, Between-the-logs, John Hicks, Scuteash, and others. I have heard Squire Gray Eyes, on two different occasions, make a public address in his native language. He proceeds in a mild, quiet, pathetic manner, and the tears coursing down his cheeks as he details his Christian experience, show the warmth and vitality of his piety. In August, 1824, Bishops M'Kendree and Soule visited the Wyandot Mission at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Bishop M'Kendree invited the chiefs and leaders to represent the state of the work in the mission. Among others, Squire Gray Eyes remarked: "My language is weak, and I have not much to say. My brothers will excuse the weakness of my words. My heart rejoices every day for what God has done in the wilderness, and I believe he will carry on the work. Some are too much inclined to go away into the wilderness to hunt, and this weakens their religion; but this is wearing away, and the people are more disposed to work with their hands, to make fields and houses, and have things comfortable. The providence of God is wonderful in providing before two men, by whom we could understand the good word when it came among us. We thank God for what he has done. He has done all; he has provided all." This simple speech declares him to be not only the earnest Christian, but a man of clear discernment in reference to the character and wants of the red man. No act has been made clearer by the operations of the last quarter of a century among the Indians, than that their elevation and Christianization depend upon their giving up the wandering habits of the chase, and adopting the industrial habits of civilized life.

Among the Delawares is Charles Ketchum. For two or three years he has been connected with the Conference, and preaches to his people in their native language, and serves as an interpreter to the missionary who has charge of the mission. He is a large, portly Indian, of quite prepossessing personal appearance, and is said to be a powerful orator in his native tongue.

Among the Shawnees is Pascal Fish. His father was a white man by the name of Rogers, and was taken by the Indians when a boy, and married a Shawnee wife. Many years afterward Rogers and one of his brothers met, and by marks and scars which they recollected, they recognized each other. Their mutual recognition was deeply affecting. They fell on each other's neck and wept. The brother, a gentleman of wealth, invited Rogers to come and live with him, but he declined. He said that he loved his wife and children, and they were Indians, and

ant teachers' classes might be beneficial. At the head of all the other classes let classes be organized, from among the oldest and best scholars, bearing this designation. Let the most influential, the best cultivated, the most thoroughly accomplished persons in the Church, be secured for teachers. Let the instruction given in them be above the ordinary range of Sunday-school instruction, having special reference to the qualification of their members for the responsible duties of the Sunday-school teacher.

To further interest and qualify such classes, the pastor or some other fit person might be requested to deliver, annually, a short course of lectures illustrative of the Scriptures, and especially of the art of teaching. These lectures, being adapted to the wants of Sunday-school teachers generally, would also be made very useful to them, as well as to the members of the assistant teachers' classes, and would be, perhaps, the nearest approximation at present possible to the realization of the normal-school idea, which is beginning to attract the attention of the most judicious friends of our cause.

We think the adoption of this plan would do much toward retaining our youth in the Sunday school. It would certainly place an object before them which would appeal to those aspirations after advancement which are so natural to the young mind. It would invest their studies with a dignity and an importance now unfelt. It would bind them to the school with a new and strong bond of interest. It would benefit them intellectually, morally, and spiritually, while it would be a means of saving many of them from the world, and of giving a right direction to their lives.

said, receive a Catholic missionary. This fact shows how successfully their early missionaries instilled into their minds the elementary principles of the Gospel.

"Amid' all the wars and commotions among the Indians in Oregon, the Catholics have contrived to keep on good terms with the Indians.

"Since the Protestant missionaries have been driven by war from the Indian country in 1847, some Indian families have kept up the forms of domestic worship in their wigwams. And occasionally an incident occurs showing that the former services of the missionaries are not without their moral influence. A Clickitat Indian showed, a year or two since, one of our ministers a Testament which he received from Brother Perkins in the days of the early mission. He kept it carefully rolled in a skin, and though he could not read, he knew it was the good book, and said that he occasionally wa-wa-ed (preached to the Indians.)"

GENESEE CONFERENCE.—Rev. C. D. Burlingham, superintendent, writes concerning the Indian Mission, Seneca Nation, Cattaraugus Reservation :

"Rev. John Timmerman, missionary. His assistant is an Indian preacher. There are thirty-three members, fifty-six probationers, and one local preacher; total, ninety. A good commodious church edifice finished and paid for. We have a Sunday school. There have been several conversions and additions to the Church within a few months. Eight dollars and twenty cents have been raised for benevolent purposes."

ONEIDA CONFERENCE.—The following is taken from a report of the Rev. D. W. Bristol, presiding elder, having supervision. It indicates as healthy a state of the missions as can well be expected while the Indians hold their lands in common. Brother Bristol alludes to the importance of agricultural pursuits by the Indians, and in this we have no doubt but that he is correct. We see it intimated in the public papers that the Indians on the reserves in the State of New-York, are desirous of having their lands divided to them in severalty, and that the state authorities are favorable to this policy. This is the true policy, and we trust it will take effect. Brother Bristol says, under date of Nov. 28, 1856 :

"This report of the state of the Indian missions under my care should have been made earlier, but has been delayed by unavoidable circumstances on the part of our faithful and devoted missionary.

"During the year I have visited the mission four times, preaching, holding love-feast, and administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper each time. These have been seasons of great spiritual interest and encouragement, so that I have often been led to exclaim, Truly our labor is not in vain in the Lord. Our holy religion is here manifested in its simplicity and great power.

"Since our annual conference the work of grace has continued to prosper. As the fruits of our camp-meeting, held in September, near the Onondaga Mission, over thirty have united with the Church on trial, several of whom were redeemed from paganism by the power of Divine grace. Thus the power of faith is making steady but sure conquests over error.

"Our Church edifice at Onondaga has been repaired, painted, and papered this fall, the expense of which has been met mostly by funds collected from the Indians by the missionary.

"From the time that I first visited this mission, I have been impressed with the importance of education in agriculture and the mechanic arts to the Indian. I regard this as important not only to his temporal, but his spiritual well-being. Idle men are exceedingly liable to be vicious. This is equally true of the Indian as of the white man. I have been led to feel that much of our missionary work among the Indians particularly, has been lost on this very account. It seems to me that our teachers should not only instruct in books, but in agriculture, and in domestic economy. That a small pattern farm and workshop is as indispensable for boys in our missions as the school-house.

"At Oneida our female teachers proceed upon this plan among the females, and they have succeeded to a most gratifying extent. At Onondaga a system of agriculture has been introduced, but the experiment has not been continued for a sufficient length of time to show its effects on the mind of the nation. It cannot have failed, however, to encourage the few who are inclined to labor and lead a civilized life."

Rev. J. D. Torrey, the missionary, writes :

"I here send you my annual report for Oneida and Onondaga Indian Mission. In doing this I would express my humble gratitude and devout thanksgiving to the great Giver of all blessings, who has so faithfully watched over his own cause among the remnants of these native tribes who still remain on our soil.

"*The Oneidas*.—No people, according to their numbers, do as well as the Oneidas in sustaining religious meetings and schools. Religiously and domestically they are decidedly on the advance; and had they the circumstances, they soon would take their place beside the nation that surrounds them, and has so nearly swallowed them up.

"*Intemperance*, our deadliest foe, has stricken some of our young and strong men, and spiritual death, with its dreaded consequences, has followed in its train. A few weeks since, at our camp-meeting, the hearts of many of the good were made to rejoice at the spiritual resurrection of a number of the backsliding or spiritually dead. How signally and forcibly were we made to feel Christ's own words, 'I am the resurrection and the life.'

"*Our numbers* have been reduced by the removal of one family to Green Bay, a few cases by death, and the marriage of some into other tribes, where they have gone to reside.

"*Property*.—There has been no change in the Church property; things remain as when I made my last report.

"*The two schools* are in successful operation, under the direction of the same faithful teachers who taught them when I last wrote you. Parents are taking an increased interest in the education of their children.

"The Windfall School, taught by Mrs. H. A. E. Hall, has had in attendance the year past thirty-eight scholars.

"*The Sabbath-School* report is one superintendent, one teacher, and thirty-four scholars, and about thirty volumes in library.

"The Orchard School is a new school, about three miles from the Windfall School. It has been in operation about eighteen months. Scholars in attendance the last year, twenty-five.

"The Sabbath school reports one superintendent, two teachers, and thirty scholars, and twenty volumes in library.

"*The number of members* as follows: In full connection, forty-five; on trial, seven; local preachers, two.

"*Onondaga Indian Mission*, upon the whole, is in a state of prosperity. Paganism, with many of the young, is going into disrepute. There is an increased attention of the young to Gospel truths, and were it not for some of the old pagans, who are wedded to their errors and superstitions, this system of false and erring religion, which has come down from their fathers, would soon lose its power and respect, and find its level before the Divine truth of Christianity, as did Dagon before the ark of the Lord. To the future prosperity of Christ's kingdom among this people there are obstacles, though not insurmountable, yet they are considerable. The bickerings of this people among themselves; their jealousy of those of other tribes who have intermarried with them, who form the best part of the piety and talent of the membership; and the instability of some of the Christian party, with that awful scourge, intemperance, which white men seemed to cease to try to control here, are among the obstacles mentioned above. But, after all, piety here has a home in many hearts. Often here, as at Oneida, the power of God so attends the religious devotions and exercises of this people, that every Christian, white and native, indeed feels that here is the gate of heaven, while trembling, weeping sinners overwhelmingly feel 'how dreadful is this place!' Attempts have been made by the missionary and teacher to encourage industry, and to pave the way for a manual labor school, by presenting practical results of farming. This has not been without its good effects; but attempted interference of a few interested whites has, up to this time, greatly lessened these influences; but we have encouragement that, in the future, aid to this interest shall be given by the state.

"*The new law* passed last winter in reference to the support of the Indian schools, promises to work well, and especially in the hands of the present superintendent, Mr. V. M. Rice.

"*The Church membership* has been decreased by the death of some of our choicest members, and by the removal of some to other places. Four have been received on trial.

"*The school* under the direction and teaching of Mr. William Tibbits, who had charge when the last annual report was made, has continued in a prosperous state. The whole number of scholars in attendance the past year is eighty-six.

"*The Sabbath school* has one superintendent, two teachers, and thirty-eight scholars. There are but few books in the library, in consequence of the indifference and neglect of parents to see that their children return them.

"*Membership*.—The mission is composed of two local preachers, three exhorters, forty-six in full membership, and four on trial.

"*The Ministerial work* of the mission is performed by the missionary, one native local preacher, and one interpreter.

"We have, from both missions, two local preachers recommended for deacon's orders, and we have some young men who promise much for their people in coming time, if they continue in their religious course."

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.—The Oneidas are situated about eighteen miles north of Appleton.

"The Government Reserve on which they live is about twelve by eight miles square. The Nation (as they are called) numbers about one thousand; and a bet-

ter class of Indians cannot be found in the Northwest. They came to this place from New-York about twenty-eight years ago. Such men as John Clark and Daniel Poe followed them to their forest homes, and preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. Many of them believed and became humble Christians, and gave over their wanderings, and became tillers of the soil. There are now about one hundred and fifty of them belonging to the M. E. Church.

For the information following we are indebted to a minister from the East, Brother M'Donald.

"Brother Lathrop has labored with the Oneidas about five years, and is said to have very much improved their condition.

"*The parsonage* is about as good as our first-class parsonages in the East, with about seventeen acres of land attached. The dwellings of the Indians are, upon the whole, very good. Some of them are built with much taste, and very neatly painted. The farms are very well cultivated, and well stocked. I confess, that in reference to all these matters I was happily disappointed.

"*Their church edifice* is very good for the place. It is not finished after the most improved style of architecture, but is commodious, with a fine-toned bell, and all things like a New-England country church, except the congregation.

"The congregation assembled, the Indian women occupying one side of the house, and the men the other.

"In the East, the females of the Indian tribes invariably wear hats; but in the West, they as invariably wear only blankets drawn closely over their heads, hiding almost entirely their faces. The men of this tribe wear hats, but the Sioux, Chipewas, Winnebagoes, and Menomonees, wear nothing but blankets.

"It looks a little odd to see one half of the church closely packed with these Indian women, each with her blanket of broadcloth, or of coarser texture, drawn so closely over her face that nothing can be seen except a huge something rolled up in a blanket.

"*Our love-feast* commenced, and upon the whole it was the best I ever attended. It was worth a journey there to see those simple natives get happy.

"The singing exceeded almost anything I ever heard in that line. Some of the most difficult tunes were sung by the sweetest voices, without a jar or discord. They would force as much music out of old Ocean, Majesty, Hallowell, Invitation, and Sherburne, as I have ever heard, and in a manner which would cause many a New-England choir to look up and inquire, 'Why cannot we sing it as well?'

"The presiding elder opened the meeting in the usual manner; after which the Indians sang in their own language,

" 'O how happy are they,' etc.

"*The Speaking*.—Chief John, the first chief of the nation, arose, and in a very unassuming manner made a few modest remarks. He was followed by an old man, upon whom the frosts of many winters had fallen. His remarks brought out the 'amens' from all parts of the house. We did not understand the dialect, but we could not misunderstand the spirit with which the word was spoken. After a few more of the males had spoken, and a few glorious tunes had been sung, the females commenced speaking. I soon began to feel that Jordan was about to overflow its banks, and in this I was not mistaken. An aged female arose, 'wrinkled and white with hoary hairs.' As she began to speak, the big tears began to roll down her furrowed cheeks. Her voice rose higher and higher, and *amen* after *amen*

rolled through the house. Her blanket, which up to this time had been closely drawn over her face, began to fall from her head. At last it fell down upon her shoulders, and with streaming eyes, she clapped her hands and shouted, 'O *Yesus Keristus ! Yesus Keristus !*' meaning *Jesus Christ*. This broke the whole thing down, and we were ready to sing :

‘ The men of grace have found
Glory begun below.’

“ Then followed many exhortations, mixed with Christian experience, which made that love-feast ‘ the house of God and the gate of heaven.’ ”

STATISTICS OF INDIAN MISSIONS.

INDIAN MISSIONS.	Missionaries.	Members.	Probationers.
Black River	1	19	5
Oneida	1	95	7
Genesee	1	34	56
Michigan	7	592	37
Detroit	2	119	20
Wisconsin	2	36	162
Minnesota	2	0	5
Missouri	4	140	0
Kansas and Nebraska	3	115	2
	<hr/> 23	<hr/> 1050	<hr/> 294

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in account with
T. CARLTON, *Treasurer.*

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BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Stafford circuit, by Rev. J. W. Hoover.....	\$7 53
	Annual offering of Eliza Ridgeley.....	5 00
	A gentleman of Baltimore, by I. P. Cook.....	5 00
Feb.	Highland circuit, by Rev. O. P. Wirgman.....	35 00
	Milton circuit, by Rev. T. Tanyhill.....	50 00
Mar.	Baltimore Conference, by Rev. T. Carlton.....	15,460 32
	Ebenezer S. S., Washington, D. C., by S. A. H. Marks.....	80 00
	Baltimore Conference, additional, by Rev. T. Meyers.....	1,520 94
April.	Sundries, by Rev. E. Butler.....	23 20
	Williamsburgh, by Rev. J. W. Lambeth.....	20 00
	Baltimore Conference, Miss. Soc., (add'l,) by Rev. T. Myers.....	8 00
	Charles-street station, Baltimore, by Rev. W. B. Edwards.....	476 50
	Highland circuit, by Rev. O. P. Wirgman.....	3 39
	Baltimore Annual Conference, additional, by Rev. T. Myers.....	5 00
May.	Sundries, by Rev. G. Guyer.....	232 39
	Charles West, Monroe county, Pa.....	5 00
June.	Charles-st. Ch., S. S., Miss. Soc., Baltimore, by W. T. Landstreet,	100 00
July.	"J. S. S.," Baltimore, by Rev. I. P. Cook.....	10 00
Aug.	Baltimore Conference, by R. G. Armstrong, tr.....	700 00
Sept.	Mrs. M. G. Hamilton, Baltimore.....	5 00
	Whatecoat station, by Rev. W. H. Wilson.....	41 50
Oct.	Mrs. Hester A. Davis, Rockville cir.....	40 00
Nov.	Emory Chapel, Carlisle, by Rev. J. W. Marshall.....	107 94
		\$18,941 71

BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Chateaugay circuit, by Rev. J. B. Cocaigne.....	\$10 00
	S. Howe, by Rev. T. W. Thurston.....	1 00
Feb.	Chateaugay, by Rev. J. B. Cocaigne.....	20 00
Mar.	Moir circuit, by Rev. R. Pierce, in part.....	40 00
April.	State-st. Church, Watertown, by Rev. L. D. White.....	62 36
	Vermilion, by Rev. G. H. Salisbury.....	15 29
	Newport circuit, by Rev. R. Redhead.....	30 00
	Fort Covington, by Rev. J. L. Humphrey.....	17 00
May.	Pulaski, by Rev. W. Jones, (in part,).....	50 00
June.	Ogdensburgh, by Rev. W. S. Titus.....	16 00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

July.	Black River Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. T. Carlton.....	2,467 69
Aug.	Moria station.....	4 50
	Black River Conference, by Rev. M. D. Gillett.....	80 00
		<hr/> \$2,813 84

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Nov.	California Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. Hunter, tr.....	\$290 10

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Oct.	Woodward Avenue Church, Detroit, Rev. W. H. Collins.....	\$82 00
	Detroit Annual Conference, by Rev. J. Porter.....	1,939 44
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EAST GENESEE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	Orange, by Rev. C. Graham.....	\$5 00
	Lyons, by Rev. T. B. Hudson.....	5 00
	Canandaigua, by Rev. J. T. Arnold.....	20 00
May.	Trumansburgh, by Rev. N. Fellows.....	15 00
	Webster circuit, by Rev. J. M. Bull.....	10 00
June.	"A friend to missions".....	20 00
	Mrs. H. Hawks, Phelps, N. Y., by Rev. A. S. Baker.....	20 00
July.	First Church, Elmira, by Rev. D. D. Buck.....	24 40
Aug.	East Genesee Conference, Rev. C. Wheeler, tr., by Rev. Dr. Porter.....	3,346 41
Sept.	Do. do. do. (additional).....	11 00
	Mrs. A. T. West, Springwater, by Rev. J. Ashworth.....	1 00
	Sheldrake, by Rev. F. G. Hibbard.....	22 86
Dec.	Mrs. Harriet Dodson, by Rev. C. J. Bradbury.....	5 00
	William G. Clark	0 50
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EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
July.	East Maine Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. R. B. Curtis.....	31 25
	Do. do. do. do. do. by Rev. F. A. Soule.....	38 00
Aug.	Do. do. do. do. do. by Rev. J. P. Magee.....	1,061 50
	Thomaston do. by Rev. W. T. Jewell.....	6 00
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ERIE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Mar.	Franklin, by Rev. H. H. Moore.....	\$37 00
July.	Cuyahoga Falls, by Rev. J. Tribble.....	20 00
	Perrysburgh, by Rev. J. Robinson.....	31 75
	Erie Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. T. Carlton.....	4,870 23
	O. Babcock, Salem, Pa., by Rev. W. French.....	10 00
	Greenville, by Rev. G. W. Chesbrough.....	0 50
Sept.	Erie Conference, (additional,) by E. B. Lane.....	325 00
Dec.	Do. do. Miss. Soc., do.....	222 00
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GENESEE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Mar.	Mr. Horace Leach, Le Roy, by Rev. S. C. Church.....	\$100 00
May.	Clarkson circuit, \$1 25; camp-meeting collection, Genesee District, by Rev. A. Abell, \$6 35	7 60

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June.	Genesee College Miss. So., by H. S. Hogoboom, tr.....	20 00
Sept.	Genesee Conference, by Rev. M. Scott, tr.....	2,500 12
Oct.	Genesee College and Seminary, Lima, N. Y., by E. Taylor, tr....	20 00
	G. Laning, to constitute himself a life member.....	20 00
Dec.	Isaac Gibbard, Tr. Miss. Soc., Lima.....	60 00
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MAINE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	Augusta, by Rev. S. Allen.....	\$11 00
Mar.	Scarborough, by Rev. E. Davis.....	15 00
June.	Augusta, by Rev. S. Allen.....	48 00
July.	West Kennebunk, by Rev. D. Waterhouse.....	5 00
Aug.	Maine Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. P. Magee.....	1,881 94
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MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	"A young disciple," by Rev. J. M. Arnold.....	\$8 00
	Woodward Avenue station, Detroit, Mich., by Rev. A. D. Wilbor	100 00
Mar.	Detroit French mission, by Rev. T. Carter	11 00
May.	Michigan Conference, by Rev. J. Jennings.....	25 00
	H. Worster, Farmington circuit, by Rev. C. Mosher.....	1 00
Oct.	Michigan Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. M. B. Camburn, tr.....	1,295 02
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MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Nov.	Minnesota Conference, unappropriated last year.....	\$221 88
	Do. do. by Rev. D. Brooks.....	121 83
Dec.	Do. do. do.....	50 00
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NEW-JERSEY CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Gloucester City, by Rev. J. Lewis.....	\$26 39
	Evertstown, by Rev. J. J. Sleeper.....	15 00
	La Fayette, by Rev. J. Cross, (additional).....	10 00
	Hudson City, by Rev. E. W. Adams.....	24 00
	Belvidere, by Rev. J. Winsor, Jr.....	15 00
	Kingswood, by Rev. M. C. Stokes, (in part).....	41 00
Feb.	Woodrow, Staten Island, by Rev. B. Kelly.....	60 00
	Madison, (in part,) by Rev. C. S. Coit.....	28 54
	Cross-st. Ch., Paterson, by Rev. W. Tunison.....	100 00
	Liberty-st., New-Brunswick, by Rev. S. Y. Monroe.....	21 00
Mar.	Woodrow, Staten Island, (additional,) by Rev. B. Kelly.....	20 00
	Kingswood, by Rev. M. C. Stokes.....	17 00
	Trinity Church, Staten Island, by Rev. T. W. Pearson.....	52 00
	Haddonfield, by Rev. J. R. Bryan.....	25 00
	Prospect-st. Juv. Miss. Soc., Paterson, N. J., by W. J. Buckley, tr.	30 00
	Piermont and Rockland circuit, by Rev. D. E. Frambes.....	40 00
	Rahway, by Rev. W. E. Perry.....	30 00
	Haddonfield, by Rev. J. R. Bryan.....	5 00
April.	Absecom circuit, by Rev. D. Teed.....	64 10
	Bargaintown do. by Rev. D. Teed.....	71 44
	Cross-st., Paterson, by Rev. W. Tunison.....	75 00
	Haverstraw, by Rev. J. B. Dobbins.....	52 00
	York-st., Jersey City, by Rev. C. H. Whitecar.....	59 46

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

	Springfield, by Rev. J. P. Daily.....	19 00
	Woodrow, Staten Island, by Rev. B. Kelly	6 00
	Red Bank, by Rev. R. S. Harris.....	80 00
	Hightstown, by Rev. E. M. Griffith.....	82 68
	Hudson City, by Rev. E. W. Adams.....	31 56
	Greenville, by Rev. E. A. Day.....	14 00
	New-Jersey Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. A. Cox.....	7,583 34
	Crosswicks, by Rev. S. Jaquett.....	22 95
	St. Paul's Ch., Jersey City, by Rev. M. E. Ellison	100 00
	Hoboken Youth's Miss. Soc.....	50 00
	Clinton-st., Newark, by Rev. M. E. Ellison.....	25 00
Aug.	Eatontown, by Rev. S. Jaquett.....	5 28
	Liberty-st., New-Brunswick, by Rev. L. R. Dunn.....	7 00
Oct.	Liberty-st., do. do.....	15 00
Nov.	S. J. Gould, Vernon, N. J., by S. T. Moore.....	10 00
	Morristown, by Rev. T. Carlton.....	186 00
	Monthly concert, Liberty-st., New-Brunswick, by Rev. L. R. Dunn	5 00
	Clinton-st., Newark, by J. Simpson.....	100 00
Dec.	Broad-st. Ch., Newark, by Rev. D. D. Lore.....	70 00
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NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Walton, by Rev. W. Hall.....	\$2 00
	Milton, by Rev. J. H. Hawxhurst	30 00
	West Point, by Rev. J. Rusk, (in part,).....	30 00
	Monticello district, by Rev. J. J. Graw.....	2 46
	Miss Abigail Webb, Clinton, N. Y., by Rev. Z. N. Lewis.....	1 00
Feb.	Widow of Rev. S. D. Ferguson, by Rev. J. W. Smith.....	10 00
	New-Haven German mission, by Rev. J. M. Freund.....	6 48
	Glenham, by Rev. F. Donnelly.....	5 00
	North Newburgh, by Rev. J. A. Sillick.....	20 00
	Mulberry-st. Ch. S. S. and Miss. Soc.....	150 00
	German missions, as follows, namely: Buffalo circuit, \$10 41 ;	
	Buffalo, \$14 70 ; Canadea, \$9 88 ; Saugerties, \$6 86 ; Albany,	
	\$15 09 ; Poughkeepsie, \$50 00 ; by Rev. J. Sauter.....	106 94
	Greenville circuit, by Rev. H. C. Humphrey.....	13 00
	Goshen, by Rev. G. Kerr.....	13 00
Mar.	Great Barrington, Mass., by Rev. L. B. Andrus.....	8 00
	Schenectady, German mission, by Rev. A. C. Hertel.....	14 63
	"A friend," Bedford circuit, by Rev. S. M. Knapp.....	3 00
	Fiftieth-st. Ch., N. Y., by J. H. Romer.....	5 85
	Delhi, by Rev. A. F. Selleck.....	5 83
	Lackawack, by Rev. C. S. Brown.....	20 00
	East Baltimore German mission.....	6 60
	Hobart, \$20 ; Bloomville, \$7 ; Kortright circuit, by Rev. I. Ferris	27 00
	Newburgh West and Galeville, by Rev. D. W. C. Van Gaasbeck	51 75
	Durham, \$12 10 ; Oak Hill, \$1 06 ; Medusa, \$1 25 ; by Rev.	
	H. C. Humphrey.....	14 41
	Saugerties, German Mission, by Rev. J. Kolb.....	2 00
	Rochester, by Rev. A. C. Hertel.....	10 00
	Roxbury German Mission, by Rev. S. F. Zimmerman.....	5 00
	Carthage Landing, by Rev. T. Edwards.....	8 59
	Albany and Troy German Mission, by Rev. F. W. Dinger.....	4 40
April.	Matteawan, by Rev. C. C. Keys.....	12 63
	Norfolk and Goshen, by Rev. J. Elliott.....	4 25
	Scranton German Mission, by Rev. F. W. Flocken.....	6 00
	New-Haven German Mission, by Rev. J. W. Freund.....	8 00
	New-Paltz Landing, by Rev. D. B. Turner.....	26 12
	Charlotteville, by Rev. W. M. Chipp.....	13 00
	Rockland, by Rev. J. Norris.....	1 87
	North Haverstraw, by Rev. W. Chamberlin	37 00

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	Putnam Valley circuit, by Rev. U. Messier.....	20 00
	Mulberry-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. K. Peyton, tr.....	200 00
	Middlebush, by Rev. T. Edwards.....	13 40
	Thirtieth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. D. Buck.....	78 50
	Poughkeepsie S. S., Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. S. Fitch.....	6 00
	Buffalo German Mission, \$16 22; Buffalo circuit, \$13 11; Dun- kirk, \$40; Canadea, \$15 21; Callicoon, \$11 13; Saugerties, \$3 00; by Rev. J. Sauter.....	98 67
	Eighteenth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. C. B. Sing, (in part).....	201 36
	Cochecton, by Rev. J. J. Graw.....	1 10
	Greene-st. Ch., N. Y., by J. Cook, tr.....	400 00
May.	Kingsbridge, by Rev. N. Lovett.....	50 00
	Sing Sing, by Rev. D. Stocking.....	105 22
	Brooklyn German Mission, by Rev. C. Blin.....	11 00
	Greenburgh and Tuckahoe, by Rev. E. Osborn.....	26 00
	Carthage Landing, by Rev. T. Edwards.....	5 00
	North Castle, \$5; Kensico, \$5 89; Bedford, \$4 50; Cross River, \$9 54; Whitlockville, \$19 97; by Rev. S. M. Knapp	44 90
	Hicksville and Jerusalem German Mission, by Rev. J. Week.....	2 18
	Yorkville, by Rev. S. C. Perry.....	20 00
	Newburgh West and Galeville Mission, by D. W. C. Van Gaasbeck	9 24
	Eighteenth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. C. B. Sing.....	91 00
	Rhinebeck, by Rev. W. Bloomer.....	71 38
	Plattekill, by Rev. C. Isham.....	11 48
	Middletown, by Rev. J. H. Wardle.....	63 00
	Sing Sing, by Rev. D. Stocking.....	29 05
	Hudson, by Rev. R. C. Putney.....	25 00
	Newburgh First Ch., by Rev. L. W. Peck.....	15 00
	Red Hook, by Rev. O. V. Amerman.....	11 30
	Napanoch, by Rev. C. S. Brown.....	44 00
	Bedford-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. C. Smith.....	100 00
	Deposit, by Rev. R. Decker.....	3 25
	Miss Abigail Husted, Kortright circuit, by Rev. I. Ferris.....	3 00
	Sugar Loaf circuit, by Rev. C. F. Pelton.....	20 00
	Morrisania, by Rev. A. C. Foss.....	51 56
	Milan, by Rev. W. F. Gould.....	7 25
	Courtland circuit, by Rev. D. Gibson.....	46 66
	Dobbs Ferry, by Rev. T. D. Littlewood.....	17 70
	Red Rock, by Rev. P. L. Hoyt.....	26 00
	Gilboa circuit, by Rev. B. L. Burr.....	23 85
	Bedford-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. C. Smith.....	50 00
	Peeckskill, by Rev. M. D'C. Crawford.....	85 00
	Liberty circuit, by Rev. H. Lamont.....	16 00
	Eighteenth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. C. B. Sing, (additional).....	31 00
	First German Church, Newark, by Rev. W. Schwartz.....	68 26
	North Newburgh, by Rev. J. A. Sillick.....	40 00
	Kingsbridge, by Rev. N. Lovett.....	10 00
June.	Mrs. Dr. J. T. Peck, N. Y.....	8 00
	Manhattanville and Carmansville, by J. Thompson.....	23 00
	Yonkers, by Rev. J. B. Hagany.....	32 00
	Sing Sing, by Rev. D. Stocking.....	4 00
	Lee, by Rev. W. Ostrander.....	20 00
	Cynthia Truesell, by Rev. M. R. Lent.....	20 00
	Bloomingburgh, by Rev. T. B. Smith.....	100 00
	Dutchess circuit, by Rev. A. Davis.....	45 00
	Mulberry-st. Ch. Miss. and S. S. Soc., by W. K. Peyton, tr.....	950 00
	Jane-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. J. B. Wakeley.....	300 00
	Mellenville, by Rev. D. Lyman.....	11 73
	Hudson, by Rev. R. C. Putney.....	8 00
	Bedford-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. C. Smith, (additional).....	50 00
	William Gale, Esq., N. Y.....	20 00
	Greenbush and Tuckahoe, by Rev. E. Osborn.....	21 00

	Philadelphia German Mission, by Rev. C. F. Grimm.....	18 00
	North East circuit, by Rev. A. H. Ferguson	81 57
	West Baltimore German Mission, by Rev. J. Swahlen.....	12 00
	Bloomington German Mission, by Rev. J. Seidel.....	37 46
	Third German Mission, N. Y., by Rev. J. Abele.....	20 00
	Rochester German Mission, by A. C. Hertell.....	17 00
	Hillsdale circuit, by Rev. M. R. Lent.....	22 00
	Hancock circuit, by Rev. R. Wheatley.....	32 20
	Elizabethtown German Mission, by Rev. C. Jost.....	17 58
	Bedford-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. C. Smith, (additional).....	30 00
	Choir of Tarrytown M. E. Ch., by J. W. Mabee, tr.....	27 00
July.	New-York Conference Missionary Society, by Rev. W. H. Ferris	2,662 58
	Rev. Dr. Sandford, Tarrytown, by J. B. Edwards.....	5 00
	Tarrytown, N. Y., by Rev. D. Terry.....	20 00
	New-York Conf. Miss. Soc., (additional,) by Rev. W. H. Ferris...	20 25
	Southfield Mission, by Rev. L. M. Vincent.....	7 00
	Welsh Mission, N. Y., by Rev. D. Terry.....	13 00
	J. B. Barnum, N. Y., annual subscription.....	2 00
	Bloomington German Mission, by Rev. J. Kindler.....	56 37
	Sheffield, by Rev. T. F. R. Mercein.....	47 00
	Rev. R. H. Bloomer, North Newburgh, N. Y.....	20 00
	Jane-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. J. B. Wakeley, (additional).....	84 00
	Duane-st. Youth's Miss. Soc., by Rev. L. H. King.....	100 00
Aug.	Contents Willie's Miss. Box, North East.....	4 51
	Jane-st. Ch., (additional,) by Rev. J. B. Wakeley.....	4 00
	New-York Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. H. Ferris.....	300 00
	Isaac Carey, Johnsville, by Rev. J. Croft.....	20 00
	O. G. Hedstrom, surplus traveling expenses returned.....	47 70
	Elizabeth Bailey, N. Y.....	100 00
Sept.	Greene-st. Ch., N. Y., by J. Cook, tr. balance of last year.....	131 39
	Bloomington S. S., by L. T. Shultz.....	2 50
Oct.	"A lover of Methodism," Lenox, N. Y.....	5 00
	Ashley Falls and Chapinville circuit, by Rev. H. C. Humphrey...	10 25
	A. L. Ackerman, Matteawan, N. Y.....	50 00
	Jane-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. R. G. Putney.....	2 53
	J. W. Auten, N. Y.....	20 00
Nov.	Duane-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. L. H. King.....	69 50
	Benjamin W. Benson, to make Rev. S. G. Hare life director.....	150 00
	Brooklyn German Mission, by Rev. C. Blinn.....	5 00
	Mulberry-st. Ch., N. Y., by W. K. Peyton, tr.....	150 00
	Mrs. Williams and family, Scarsdale, by Rev. E. Osborn.....	1 50
	Eighteenth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. J. W. Beach.....	100 00
	Mrs. S. D. Ferguson, N. Y.	10 00
	Richard Jenkins, Welsh Mission, N. Y.....	100 00
	Greene-st. Ch., N. Y.....	163 19
	Thirtieth-st. Juvenile Miss. and S. S. Soc., by T. Nicholson, tr....	38 00
	Eighteenth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. J. W. Beach.....	50 00
	Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, subscription at Greene-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. G. S. Hare.....	22 00
	Washington-st. German Ch., by D. Duerstein.....	0 50
	Mrs. Sarah Pollock, Duane-st., by Rev. L. H. King.....	15 00
	Sundry German missions, N. Y. Conf., by Rev. J. Sauter.....	62 75
Dec.	Eighteenth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. J. W. Beach.....	100 00
	Eddyville, by Rev. F. Donnelly.....	7 00
	Duane-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. L. H. King.....	15 00
	J. Trippett & Brother, N. Y.....	20 00
	Asa Child, Esq., Jane-st. Ch., N. Y.....	20 00
	F. Hall, Esq., Central M. E. Ch., N. Y.....	20 00
	Norfolk, by Rev. J. Elliott.....	5 00
	Jane-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. R. C. Putney.....	159 25
	New-Paltz Landing, \$39 05; Centerville, \$7 33; New-Paltz, \$7 83; by Rev. D. W. C. Van Gaasbeck.....	54 21

German Mission, Poughkeepsie, by Rev. F. G. Gratz.....	17 00
George Fearon, Pratt's Hollow, N. Y.....	1 00
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NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

1856.

Jan.	Miss. J. A. R., Stamford.....	5 00
	Amasa Preston, Cheshire, Conn.....	2 75
	Riverhead, L. I., by S. F. Johnson.....	5 32
	Seventh-st. Ch. Youth's Miss. Soc., by W. J. Barnes, tr.....	400 00
Mar.	"A friend," Stratford, Conn., by Rev. E. L. Janes.....	5 00
	New Canaan, Conn., by Rev. H. Husted.....	10 00
April.	First Church, New-Haven, by Rev. Dr. Kennaday.....	152 80
	Foster's Meadow, by Rev. S. W. King.....	25 00
	Watertown and Middlebury, by Rev. L. W. Abbott.....	25 00
	Danbury, Conn., by Rev. E. E. Griswold.....	112 92
	Allen-st. Ch., N. Y., by W. C. Davis, Esq., tr.....	437 72
	Middletown, Conn., by Rev. J. B. Merwin.....	137 21
	Rose Hill S. S. Miss. Soc., by J. Stephenson.....	60 00
May.	Cherry-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. P. Corbitt.....	116 50
	Hamden and Cheshire, by Rev. B. Redford.....	48 17
	Foster's Meadow, by Rev. S. W. King.....	11 67
	Westchester, by Rev. T. D. Littlewood.....	2 00
	Rose Hill S. S. Miss. Soc., by J. Brandon, tr.....	40 00
	Allen-st. Ch., N. Y., by J. Foster, interest on bond.....	117 00
	Rye, by Rev. D. Osborn.....	70 00
	York-st. Ch., Brooklyn, by J. G. Price, tr.....	48 51
	West Suffield, by Rev. F. Brown.....	5 00
	Amityville, by Rev. C. Stearns.....	10 57
	Bridgeport, Conn., by Rev. C. Fletcher.....	37 00
	North Fifth-st., Williamsburgh, by Rev. J. Wildey.....	4 64
	Enos Rogers, Durham, Conn., by Rev. G. Stillman.....	100 00
June.	Darien, by Rev. A. Booth.....	40 00
	Astoria, by Rev. J. W. Hare.....	6 26
	Glen Cove, by Rev. E. Miner.....	20 00
	Welsh Mission, by Rev. T. Thomas.....	120 00
	Southbury, Conn., by Rev. I. Sanford.....	14 52
	Washington-st., Brooklyn, J. Mundell, tr.....	465 70
	Woodbury, Conn., by Rev. A. B. Pulling.....	40 00
	Birmingham, by Rev. G. A. Hubbell.....	60 00
	Newtown and Maspeth, by Rev. William Platts.....	4 18
	Southampton, by Rev. T. Stephenson.....	13 41
	Good Ground, L. I., by Rev. J. Fargher.....	25 00
	Rockville, Rockaway circuit, by Rev. S. W. King.....	75 32
	Juvenile Miss. Soc., York-st., Brooklyn, by J. Rogers, Jr., tr.....	150 00
	Youth's Miss. Soc., Mariners' Ch., N. Y., by S. S. Mapes, tr.....	179 44
	Bridgehampton, L. I., by Rev. S. Rushmore.....	28 63
	Sag Harbor, L. I., by Rev. S. Rushmore.....	9 00
	Easton, Conn., by Rev. H. Aston.....	32 00
	Farmington circuit, L. I., by Rev. N. Orchard.....	9 00
	Southport, by Rev. G. Hollis.....	41 00
	New-Utrecht, L. I., by Rev. J. F. Booth.....	40 00
	Pacific-st. Ch., Brooklyn, by J. Heydecker.....	112 00
	Greenpoint, L. I., Juv. Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. Gothard.....	12 00
	Ninth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. M'Allister.....	120 00
	South Second-st. Ch., Williamsburgh, by Rev. J. Miley.....	100 00
	Huntington and Lloyd's Neck, by Rev. J. D. Bouton.....	27 00
	Norfolk-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. A. H. Robinson.....	51 50
	Sundries, by Rev. H. D. Latham.....	6 00
	Flatbush S. S., L. I.....	30 27
	Seventeenth-st. Ch., N. Y., Youth's Miss. Soc., by G. C. Halsted	50 00
	First Church, New-Haven, Conn., by Rev. J. Kennaday.....	52 17

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	Stratford, Conn., by Rev. L. D. Nickerson.....	31 50
	George-st. Ch., New-Haven, by Rev. W. C. Hoyt.....	50 00
	New-York East Conf. Miss. Soc., by J. B. Edwards.....	1,837 60
	Fleet-st. Ch., Brooklyn, Juv. Miss. Soc., by H. A. Graves, tr.....	500 00
	Huntington South, L. I., by Rev. C. Stearns.....	5 00
	Hempstead, by Rev. I. Abbott.....	97 10
	Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, by Rev. J. W. B. Wood.....	7 00
	Union Place, by Rev. D. De Vinne.....	3 18
July.	Forsyth-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. H. Norris.....	632 78
	Mount Vernon, by Rev. S. Howland.....	30 00
	Green Point Juv. Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. Gothard.....	22 00
	Rockaway, by Rev. S. W. King.....	9 62
	L. Stannard, Westbrook, Conn., by Rev. H. Schofield.....	2 00
Aug.	Wesleyan University.....	2 50
	Summerfield Church, Brooklyn, by Rev. J. M. Reid.....	62 25
	Guilford, by Rev. J. L. Peck.....	2 00
	Mrs. Lois Barker, Guilford, Conn.....	3 00
	Sunday school at Hunting Ridge, by W. W. Brewer.....	2 00
	G. W. Thompson, by Rev. D. W. Lounsbury.....	20 00
Sept.	Westport Mission, by Rev. L. P. Perry.....	8 50
Oct.	Southport, (additional,) by Rev. G. Hollis.....	3 40
	First Church, New-Haven, Conn.....	20 00
	M. B. Bull, Sands-st. Ch., Brooklyn, by Rev. J. Miley.....	10 00
Nov.	Sands-st. Juv. Miss. Soc., Brooklyn, by E. Allen, tr.....	550 00
	F. M. Whitney, Warren, Conn.....	0 75
	Westchester and West Farms, by Rev. T. D. Littlewood.....	6 00
	New-Rochelle, by Rev. J. Shaw.....	22 50
	Eighteenth-st. Ch., Brooklyn, by Rev. M. N. Olmsted.....	10 24
	Grand-st. Ch., by Rev. S. Landon.....	18 38
	Thirty-seventh-st. Mission, by Rev. H. Husted.....	15 00
	Norwich, Conn., by Rev. H. Camp.....	15 00
Nov.	Forsyth-st. Ch., N. Y.....	127 00
	Washington-st. Ch., Brooklyn.....	100 50
	Rev. G. D. Sutton, Washington Avenue, Brooklyn.....	50 00
Dec.	New-York East Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. H. J. Fox.....	60 00
	Smithtown circuit, by Rev. R. Codling.....	20 00
	Cherry-st. Ch., N. Y., by Rev. W. P. Corbitt.....	75 00
	Westport, Conn., by Rev. C. B. Ford.....	10 00
	A. Hawley, New Hartford, Conn.....	4 50
	"T. G. L.," Long Island, 2 blankets and cash.....	10 00
	Huntington circuit, by Rev. R. Pierce.....	14 00
	York-st. Juv. Miss. Soc., Brooklyn, by J. S. Turner.....	150 00
	First Place M. E. Ch., Brooklyn, by Rev. J. H. Rylance.....	320 44
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NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	Webster, by J. P. Magee.....	\$20 00
Mar.	Saugus, by Rev. W. W. Hatch.....	30 52
	Walpole, by Rev. J. A. Adams.....	28 00
	Jane K. Bourne, Needham, Mass.....	5 00
May.	New-England Conference, by J. P. Magee.....	6,922 12
June.	Do. do. do.....	359 70
Dec.	Miss E. B., of M., by F. Rand.....	100 00
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NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Aug.	New-Hampshire Conference Miss. Soc., by J. P. Magee.....	\$2,305 47
Nov.	"A friend," Columbia, N. H.....	7 00
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ONEIDA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Cazenovia, by Rev. W. Reddy.....	\$55 37
Feb.	Newfield, by Rev. W. N. Cobb.....	5 00
Mar.	Mount Upton, by Rev. A. G. Burlingame.....	20 00
	West Dryden, by Rev. S. Minier.....	10 00
April.	Ledyard circuit, by Rev. D. Lamkin.....	17 00
	Cazenovia station, by Rev. W. Reddy.....	77 30
July.	Oneida Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. Porter.....	3,254 16
Oct.	"A lady," Ledyard, by Rev. W. N. Cobb.....	10 00
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OREGON CONFERENCE.

1856.		
April.	Rev. J. H. Pearne, being avails of property sold at the Dalles, Oregon.....	\$500 00
Oct.	Oregon Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. F. S. Hoyt, tr.....	712 50
N. v.	do. do. do.....	162 50
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		\$1,375 00

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Rev. H. White.....	\$16 25
April.	Philadelphia Conference Miss. Soc., Samuel Ashmead, Esq., tr.....	16,000 00
July.	"A lady friend," Philadelphia, by Rev. Dr. Durbin.....	100 00
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		\$16,116 25

PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	Westerly, R. I., by Rev. G. W. Wooding.....	\$10 00
Mar.	Haddam Neck, by Rev. J. E. Heald.....	8 00
April.	East Main-st. Ch., Norwich, Conn., by J. Kendall.....	110 00
May.	Providence Conference Miss. Soc., by J. P. Magee.....	4,200 00
	"A worn-out brother".....	5 00
June.	South Abington.....	10 00
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		\$4,343 00

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Aug.	General M. A. Ross, Addison circuit, by Rev. M. M. Eaton.....	\$20 00
	Pittsburgh Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. L. Read.....	7,943 58
Oct.	Pittsburgh Conference Miss. Soc., by I. N. Baird.....	175 00
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		\$8,138 58

TROY CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Cadyville and Dannamora circuit, by Rev. C. L. Hagar.....	\$10 00
	Watervliet, by Rev. A. Osborn.....	24 00
	Waterbury, Vt., by Rev. W. A. Miller.....	8 00
	Pittsfield, by Rev. H. L. Starks.....	150 00
Feb.	Watervliet, by Rev. A. Osborn.....	26 00
	Mechanicsville, by Rev. R. T. Wade.....	28 00
	St. Albans, by Rev. M. Witherell.....	43 96
Mar.	Watervliet, by Rev. A. Osborn.....	25 00
	Pittsfield, by Rev. H. L. Starks.....	100 00
	Lyman Bennett, Troy, N. Y.....	300 00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1856.	West Salisbury, by Rev. W. Ford.....	\$11 00
Mar.	Fort Edward, by Rev. J. E. Bowen.....	100 00
	Saratoga Springs, by Rev. B. Hawley.....	65 95
April.	West Chazy, by Rev. O. J. Squires.....	40 00
	Remington charge, by Rev. E. Stover.....	50 00
	Watervliet circuit, by Rev. A. Osborn.....	7 00
	Hudson-st. Ch. S. S., Albany, by Rev. S. D. Brown.....	70 00
	Pittsfield, by Rev. H. L. Starks.....	45 00
	Seward, by Rev. A. Lyon.....	50 00
	Fort Edward, by Rev. J. E. Bowen.....	100 00
May.	Hudson-st. Ch., Albany, by George Downing.....	310 00
	Clintonville, by Rev. W. H. Meeker.....	35 00
June.	North Second-st. Ch., by L. Bennett, tr.....	184 24
	do. do. do.....	3 50
	Dalton, by A. Johnson.....	10 00
	Poultney, Vt., by Rev. T. Dodgson.....	57 87
July.	Troy Conference, by Rev. Z. Phillips.....	5,230 00
Aug.	State-st. Ch., Troy, by J. H. Darrow.....	375 00
	Hoosick circuit, by Rev. C. Meeker.....	10 00
Nov.	Gilderland, by Rev. A. Osborn.....	6 00
Dec.	Washington-st. Ch., Albany, by Rev. J. Parker.....	50 00
	"A mechanic," Cohoes, by Rev. R. Fox.....	5 00
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		\$7,530 52

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Aug.	Vermont Conference Miss Soc., by J. P. Magee.....	\$770 20

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

1856		
Sept.	West Wisconsin Conference, by Rev. D. Stansbury, tr.....	\$1,041 38

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	Dodgerville and Linden, (in part,) by Rev. A. Callender.....	\$100 00
	Juvenile Miss. Soc., East Waupun.....	20 00
April.	Fort Atkinson, by Rev. R. Blackburn.....	25 00
May.	East Waupun Juv. Miss. Soc., by Charles Smith.....	15 00
June.	Wisconsin Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. D. Brooks.....	87 88
	J. Hague, Reedsburgh, Wis.....	0 75
Oct.	Wisconsin Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. S. C. Thomas.....	717 50
Nov.	Do. do. do. do. do.....	640 00
Dec.	Monroe, do. do. by S. Reisner.....	1 00
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		\$1,607 13

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	Salem circuit, by Rev. R. S. Rose.....	\$5 00
	Nichols circuit, by Rev. N. S. De Witt.....	41 37
Mar.	Enos Mead, Tyrone, by Rev. W. C. Mattison.....	20 00
	Salem circuit, by Rev. R. S. Rose.....	8 00
April.	Springfield, by Rev. Z. S. Kellogg.....	5 00
June.	Salem circuit, by Rev. R. S. Rose.....	7 38
July.	Wyoming Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. Porter.....	1,899 26
Nov.	Wilkesbarre, by Rev. H. Brownscombe.....	5 50
Dec.	Salem circuit, by Rev. R. S. Rose.....	28 35
	Wyoming Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. Wyatt.....	133 75
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		\$2,153 61

SUNDRY RECEIPTS.

1856.		
Jan.	Contributions to the Western treasury for the Bremerhaven Church, Germany, by L. Swormstedt.....	\$20 50

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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1856.	G. Copeland, Canada West.....	\$0 75
Jan.	"A friend of missions," Warren, N. H.....	3 00
	Interest on bond.....	175 00
	"A friend".....	2 00
	"B. G. H.".....	5 00
	W. R. Johnson, for Africa.....	0 50
	Rent on mission room.....	13 00
	Avails of old jewelry.....	5 00
Feb.	Rent of house 273 Houston-st.....	175 00
	A. Kalb, Springfield.....	5 00
	Rent of house Mulberry-st., 1 quarter.....	112 50
	"Zion's Traveler".....	0 50
	"T. F. H.".....	50 00
	Wellington, O., by Rev. N. B. Wilson.....	2 00
	"T. G. L.," of L. I., with shawl, etc.....	1 00
Mar.	Female Miss. Soc., by Mrs. E. B. Howe, tr.....	42 37
	"G. F.," Pratt's Hollow.....	20 00
	J. Abercrombie, N. Y.....	1 00
	Amount collected in Germany, by Rev. L. S. Jacoby.....	87 60
	"A friend to missions".....	5 00
	Z. Boody, Medina, N. Y.....	0 25
	Female Miss. Soc., by Mrs. M. Mason.....	52 50
April.	Amount returned by Rev. O. G. Hedstrom, on draft for Bethel ship, not used.....	125 00
	Female Miss. Soc., Mrs. M. Mason.....	13 00
	United States Government, by Hon. S. Casey, tr., for the education of Indians in Michigan, for 6 months, ending June 30, 1856	500 00
	American Bible Society for printing the Scriptures in Germany, by H. Fisher, Esq., assist. tr.....	1,000 00
	Interest on note of D. Pettitt.....	15 00
	"Name withheld".....	20 00
	"A friend of missions".....	5 00
	Rent of mission room.....	13 00
	Buenos Ayres, South America, by Rev. G. D. Carrow.....	162 00
	Burnersville circuit, Wes. Va. Conf., by Rev. P. Green.....	8 47
May.	Sundries, West Charleston, N. Y., by P. Vanwormer	9 00
	One quarter's rent of Mission house.....	112 50
	Israel L. Green to make Mrs. Sarah Green a life member.....	20 00
	D. Godman, rent of house in Houston-st.....	175 00
	"A Methodist," by E. Goodenough.....	3 00
	Interest on bonds, Mulberry-st.....	36 00
June.	Female Miss. Soc., by Mrs. M. Mason.....	24 00
	"A friend to Indian missions".....	30 00
	Female Miss. Soc., N. Y., Mrs. M. Mason.....	90 00
	"M. S. K.," for foreign missions.....	10 00
July.	Dividend on Saratoga and Whitehall R. R. stock.....	10 00
	Rev. D. D. Lore, balance of account.....	93 59
	"A friend to missions".....	500 00
	Interest on bond, Asbury Ch., 2 years.....	192 00
	C. H. Doering, balance of account.....	42 17
Aug.	J. E. Edwards, interest on bond.....	105 00
	D. Godman, rent of house in Houston-st.....	150 00
	Rent of Missionary house.....	125 00
	Minnesota Conference, by Bishop Simpson, unexpended funds 1855	150 00
	Interest on bond of Mathieson's estate.....	35 94
	Avails of jewelry, etc.....	16 00
	"J. H. R.," North White Creek.....	5 00
	Amount of freight returned.....	15 62
Sept.	Freight returned.....	1 50
	American Bible Soc., by H. Fisher, Esq.....	1,000 00
	"A friend to missions," \$600 and a gold watch.....	600 00
	Rev. Dr. Kidder, annual subscription	100 00
	Absalom Kalb, Springfield, Ill.....	5 50

1856.	Fourth of July savings of scholars, North Bainbridge, N. Y.	
Jan.	M. E. S. S., by T. J. Bissell.....	\$2 00
	"For foreign French missions".....	1 00
	Avails of a gold watch, "by a friend".....	35 00
	Interest on bequest, by G. Miller.....	213 50
Oct.	Female Miss. Soc., N. Y., by Mrs. M. Mason.....	10 00
	Interest on bequest, O. Sykes, W. Corners.....	48 00
	Rent for Mission rooms.....	13 00
	Mrs. S. A. Stacey, Clifton Springs, N. Y., for mission in France	5 00
	"J. H.," Sauk co., Wis.....	2 00
	"A lady," by Rev. J. P. Newman, Albany, N. Y.....	700 00
	Interest on bond, W. Smith's legacy.....	105 00
Nov.	do. do. Mathison's estate.....	117 00
	D. Godman, for house rent, Houston-st.....	150 00
	House rent, Mulberry-st.....	125 00
	"A friend to the Miss. Soc.," N. Y.....	100 00
	Interest on bond, by G. Miller.....	120 40
	Interest on bequest, by O. Sykes.....	15 00
	United States Government, by Hon. S. Casey, tr., for the fourth quarter, 1855, and first and second quarters, 1856.....	1,050 00
	Returned for freight.....	134 57
Dec.	"A friend".....	0 25
	K. S. Williams, Curtisville, Mass.....	0 50
	"S. W.".....	5 00
	"A friend," by Rev. I. P. Cook, Baltimore.....	5 00
	J. G. Roe, interest on bond.....	175 00
	P. Woods, Industry, Pa.....	0 50
	Rev. L. S. Jacoby, Germany, second, third, and fourth quarters, 1856.....	25 04
	"A debtor to Grace".....	25 00
	Amount received from Rev. L. Swormstedt, Ass't. Treas.....	20,000 00
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		\$29,660 52

LEGACIES.

1856.		
Jan.	Abner Wood, executor of Betsey C. Yole, late of Guilford, N. Y.	\$50 00
Feb.	Bequest of A. Newfield, deceased, by B. Bacon.....	100 00
	From the estate of J. B. Stoddard, deceased, of Deckerstown, N. J., to carry the Gospel to the North American Indians.....	100 00
Mar.	Bank stock, bequeathed to the Miss Soc.....	3,950 00
May.	L. Wilcox, executor of estate, Jonathan Kidd, deceased.....	1,900 00
	Estate of Harris Hamlin, deceased, by B. Hamlin, executor.....	10 00
June.	James Carl, deceased, by A. M. Rowan.....	35 00
	Interest on legacy of W. Smith, deceased.....	81 81
	Interest on bond, by J. G. Roe.....	175 00
	S. G. J. Worthington's note, principal and interest.....	125 00
July.	Bequest of Miss Hannah J. Davis, of Waynesburgh, Pa., by Rev. Dr. Durbin.....	50 00
Aug.	Bequest of R. P. Barnes, by R. L. Barnes.....	10 00
	Bequest of Simeon Lamb, by Rev. Z. Phillips.....	1,000 00
Dec.	Balance of legacy of Rachel Gruber, by J. C. Sigler and T. G. Bell, executors.....	198 00
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		\$7,784 81

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES.

Baltimore Conference	\$18,941 71
Black River do.	2,813 84
California do.	290 10
Detroit do.	2,021 44
East Genesee do.	3,506 17
East Maine do.	1,136 75
Erie do.	5,516 48
Genesee do.	2,727 72
Maine do.	1,960 94
Michigan do.	1,440 02
Minnesota do.	393 71
New-England do.	7,465 34
N. Hampshire do.	2,312 47
New-Jersey do.	9,294 74
New-York do.	9,962 04
N. York East do.	8,864 42
Oneida do.	3,448 83
Oregon do.	1,375 00
Philadelphia do.	16,116 25
Pittsburgh do.	8,138 58
Providence do.	4,343 00
Troy do.	7,530 52
Vermont do.	770 20
Wisconsin do.	1,607 13
W. Wisconsin do.	1,041 38
Wyoming do.	2,153 61
Sundry Receipts.....	29,660 52
Legacies.....	7,784 81
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	\$162,617 72

DR.—TO CASH PAID FOR SUNDRIES, VIZ.:

LIST OF MISSIONARY DRAFTS PAID BY T. CARLTON,

TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

During the year 1856.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

1856.					
Jan.	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of	H. Slicer.....	\$92 50		
	Do. do. do.	S. V. Blake.....	61 25		
Feb.	Do. do. do.	J. H. W. Monroe.....	22 50		
Mar.	Do. do. do.	M. Goheen	71 25		
	Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of	J. A. Collins.....	18 75		
	Do. do. do.	M. Goheen.....	65 62		
	Do. do. do.	J. Poisal	89 06		
	Do. do. do.	A. A. Reese.....	20 31		
	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of	W. Hirst.....	117 50		
April.	Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of	H. Slicer.....	109 37		
	Do. do. do.	W. Hirst	115 62		
	Do. do. do.	S. V. Blake.....	93 75		

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1856.	Paid	Bishop	Scott's draft in favor of	T. H. W. Monroe.....	\$56 25
June.	Do.	do.	do.	T. Mitchell	18 75
July.	Do.	do.	do.	H. Slicer.....	109 37
	Do.	do.	do.	J. Lanahan.....	37 50
	Do.	do.	do.	do.....	37 50
	Do.	do.	do.	S. V. Blake.....	93 75
	Do.	do.	do.	W. Hirst.....	115 62
	Do.	do.	do.	J. A. Collins.....	18 75
	Do.	do.	do.	T. H. W. Monroe.....	56 25
	Do.	do.	do.	J. Poisal.....	89 06
	Do.	do.	do.	T. Mitchell.....	18 75
	Do.	do.	do.	A. A. Reese.....	20 31
Aug.	Do.	do.	do.	J. Poisal.....	89 06
Sept.	Do.	do.	do.	M. Goheen.....	65 62
Oct.	Do.	do.	do.	H. Slicer.....	109 37
	Do.	do.	do.	J. Poisal.....	89 06
	Do.	do.	do.	A. A. Reese.....	20 21
	Do.	do.	do.	J. A. Collins.....	18 75
	Do.	do.	do.	W. Hirst.....	115 62
	Do.	do.	do.	J. Lanahan.....	37 50
	Do.	do.	do.	S. V. Blake.....	93 75
	Do.	do.	do.	T. H. W. Monroe.....	56 25
Dec.	Do.	do.	do.	J. A. Collins.....	18 75
	Do.	do.	do.	S. V. Blake.....	93 75
	Do.	do.	do.	T. Mitchell.....	37 50
	Do.	do.	do.	A. A. Reese.....	20 31
	Do.	do.	do.	W. Hirst.....	115 62
	Do.	do.	do.	H. Slicer.....	109 37
	Do.	do.	do.	J. Lanahan.....	37 50
	Do.	do.	do.	T. H. W. Monroe.....	56 25

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BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid	Bishop	Janes's draft in favor of	H. Shepard.....	\$25 00
Jan.	Do.	do.	do.	B. Holmes.....	27 50
Mar.	Do.	do.	do.	C. L. Dunning.....	37 50
	Do.	do.	do.	G. G. Hapgood.....	33 75
	Do.	do.	do.	B. Holmes.....	27 50
	Do.	do.	do.	P. D. Gorrie.....	411 25
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Sawyer.....	35 00
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Baker.....	80 00
April.	Do.	do.	do.	F. H. Stanton.....	27 50
May.	Do.	do.	do.	H. Shepard.....	25 00
July.	Paid	Bishop	Waugh's draft in favor of	G. Baker.....	120 00
	Do.	do.	do.	P. D. Gorrie.....	307 50
	Do.	do.	do.	C. L. Dunning.....	56 25
	Do.	do.	do.	F. H. Stanton.....	27 50
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Sawyer.....	42 50
	Do.	do.	do.	H. Shepard.....	25 00
	Do.	do.	do.	B. Holmes.....	31 25
Aug.	Do.	do.	do.	N. Salisbury.....	41 25
Oct.	Do.	do.	do.	P. D. Gorrie.....	307 50
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Baker.....	120 00
	Do.	do.	do.	N. Salisbury.....	41 25
	Do.	do.	do.	C. L. Dunning.....	56 25
	Do.	do.	do.	F. H. Stanton.....	27 50
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Sawyer.....	42 50
	Do.	do.	do.	H. Shepard.....	25 00
	Do.	do.	do.	B. Holmes.....	31 25
Dec.	Do.	do.	do.	G. Baker.....	120 00
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Sawyer.....	42 50

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1856.	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of H. Shepard	\$25 00
Dec.	Do. do do. C. L. Dunning.....	56 25
	Do. do. do. P. D. Gorrie.....	307 50
	Do. do. do. N. Salisbury.....	41 25
	Do. do. do. B. Holmes.....	31 25
	Do. do. do. F. H. Stanton.....	27 50
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		\$2,683 75

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid sundry bills of missionaries, \$750 00; \$131 75.....	\$881 75
Feb.	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of J. D. Blain.....	100 00
	Do. do. do. A. Bland.....	175 00
Mar.	Do. do. do. G. Bollinger.....	300 00
	Do. do. do. G. S. Phillips	325 00
	Do. do. do. J. D. Blain.....	1,112 50
April.	Do. do. do. C. Dierking	300 00
July.	Do. do. do. J. D. Blain.....	987 50
	Do. do. do. E. Arnold.....	300 00
Sept.	Paid J. A. Bruner's passage.....	567 19
	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of G. Bollinger.....	366 66
	Do. do. do. A. Kellner	300 00
	Do. do. do. S. P. Heath.....	275 00
	Do. do. do. W. S. Turner.....	225 00
Oct.	Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of M. C. Briggs.....	275 00
	Do. do. do. N. R. Peck.....	201 00
	Do. do. do. E. Arnold	300 00
	Do. do. do. A. Kellner	875 00
	Do. do. do. G. Bollinger	27 83
	Do. do. do. W. S. Turner.....	350 00
	Do. do. do. S. D. Simonds	750 00
	Do. do. do. A. Bland.....	450 00
	Do. do. do. J. D. Blain	1,025 00
	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of C. Dierking	366 66
	Do. do. do. A. Bland.....	175 00
Nov.	Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of M. C. Briggs	275 00
	Do. do. do. A. Bland.....	450 00
	Do. do. do. C. Dierking.....	42 75
Dec.	Do. do. do. J. D. Blain.....	1,025 00
	Do. do. do. S. D. Simonds	750 00
	Do. do. do. A. Kellner.....	875 00
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		\$14,428 84

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of J. Blanchard.....	\$50 00
Oct.	Do. do. do. A. C. Shaw.....	593 75
	Do. do. do. S. Clemments	68 75
	Do. do. do. J. M. Arnold	37 50
	Do. do. do. E. H. Pilcher.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. G. Smith.....	50 00
	Do. do. do. W. H. Collins.....	206 25
Dec.	Do. do. do. W. H. Collins... ..	206 25
	Do. do. do. A. C. Shaw.....	593 75
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		\$1,831 25

EAST GENESEE CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of C. S. Coats.....	\$25 00
Feb.	Do. do. do. J. K. Tuttle.....	18 75
	Do. do. do. A. C. George.....	25 00

1856.	Paid Bishop	Waugh's draft in favor of	J. G. Gulick.....	\$37 50
Feb.	Do.	do. do.	S. W. Alden.....	68 75
Mar.	Do.	do. do.	P. M'Kinstry.....	37 50
May.	Do.	do. do.	C. J. Coit.....	25 00
	Do.	do. do.	M. Crow.....	50 00
	Do.	do. do.	J. K. Tuttle.....	18 75
	Do.	do. do.	A. C. George.....	25 00
	Do.	do. do.	P. M'Kinstry.....	37 50
	Do.	do. do.	J. G. Gulick.....	37 50
July.	Do.	do. do.	S. W. Alden.....	68 75
Aug.	Paid Bishop	Ames's draft in favor of	J. G. Gulick.....	37 50
	Do.	do. do.	J. K. Tuttle.....	37 50
Sept.	Do.	do. do.	A. C. George.....	62 50
	Do.	do. do.	C. S. Coats.....	62 50
	Do.	do. do.	W. H. Goodwin.....	80 12
	Do.	do. do.	S. W. Alden.....	25 00
Nov.	Do.	do. do.	A. C. George.....	62 50
	Do.	do. do.	S. W. Alden.....	25 00
	Do.	do. do.	P. M'Kinstry.....	37 50
Dec.	Do.	do. do.	J. G. Gulick.....	37 50
	Do.	do. do.	J. K. Tuttle.....	37 50
	Do.	do. do.	C. S. Coats.....	62 50
	Do.	do. do.	W. H. Goodwin.....	80 12

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EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop	Ames's draft in favor of	G. Pratt.....	\$53 66
Jan.	Do.	do. do.	F. A. Soule.....	146 25
	Do.	do. do.	C. D. Pillsbury.....	150 00
Mar.	Do.	do. do.	G. Pratt.....	53 66
	Do.	do. do.	F. A. Soule.....	146 25
April.	Do.	do. do.	C. D. Pillsbury.....	150 00
July.	Paid Bishop	Simpson's draft in favor of	F. A. Soule.....	137 50
	Do.	do. do.	G. Pratt.....	50 00
	Do.	do. do.	R. B. Curtis.....	181 25
Oct.	Do.	do. do.	G. Pratt.....	50 00
	Do.	do. do.	R. B. Curtis.....	181 25
	Do.	do. do.	F. A. Soule.....	137 50
	Do.	do. do.	do.....	137 50

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ERIE CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop	Morris's draft in favor of	J. Leslie.....	\$33 75
Jan.	Do.	do. do.	J. Flower.....	12 50
	Do.	do. do.	J. H. Whallon.....	150 00
Feb.	Do.	do. do.	H. Kinsley.....	30 00
	Do.	do. do.	W. F. Wilson.....	50 00
Mar.	Do.	do. do.	M. Hill.....	70 00
	Do.	do. do.	E. J. Kinney.....	175 00
April.	Do.	do. do.	J. Leslie.....	33 75
	Do.	do. do.	H. Kinsley.....	30 00
	Do.	do. do.	J. H. Wallon.....	150 00
	Do.	do. do.	W. F. Wilson.....	50 00
May.	Do.	do. do.	A. Hall.....	37 50
July.	Do.	do. do.	H. Kinsley.....	30 00
	Paid Bishop	Ames's draft in favor of	J. Bain.....	162 50
	Do.	do. do.	J. H. Whallon.....	62 50
Aug.	Do.	do. do.	J. Leslie.....	32 50
	Do.	do. do.	A. Hall.....	35 00

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1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of B. S. Hill.....	\$150 00
Sept.	Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of E. J. Kinney.....	175 00
	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of N. Norton	35 00
Oct.	Do. do. do. J. Flower.....	37 50
	Do. do. do. N. Norton.....	35 00
	Do. do. do. J. Leslie.....	32 50
	Do. do. do. J. H. Whallon.....	62 50
	Do. do. do. J. Bain	162 50
Dec.	Do. do. do. B. S. Hill.....	150 00
	Do. do. do. H. Kinsley.....	47 50
		<hr/> \$2,032 50

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of L. Stiles, Jr.....	\$25 00
Jan.	Do. do. do. R. L. Waite.....	25 00
Feb.	Do. do. do. L. Stiles, Jr.....	25 00
Mar.	Do. do. do. J. C. Kingsley.....	87 50
	Do. do. do. C. D. Burlingham.....	37 50
	Do. do. do. do.....	140 00
June.	Do. do. do. L. Stiles, jr.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. C. D. Burlingham.....	140 00
	Do. do. do. do.....	37 50
	Do. do. do. J. C. Kingsley.....	87 50
July.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of J. Zimmerman.....	200 00
	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of R. L. Waite.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.....	25 00
Aug.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of J. Zimmerman.....	100 00
Sept.	Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of R. L. Waite.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. G. Fillmore	75 00
	Do. do. do. C. D. Burlingham.....	228 00
Oct.	Do. do. do. P. Woodworth	100 00
	Do. do. do. A. D. Wilbor.....	25 00
Dec.	Do. do. do. G. Fillmore.....	75 00
	Do. do. do. C. D. Burlingham.....	228 00
	Do. do. do. P. Woodworth.....	100 00
	Do. do. do. A. D. Wilbor.....	25 00
		<hr/> \$1,861 00

MAINE CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of A. Sanderson.....	\$97 50
Jan.	Do. do. do. D. B. Randall	105 00
Mar.	Do. do. do. C. C. Cone	71 25
	Do. do. do. A. Sanderson.....	97 50
	Do. do. do. D. B. Randall.....	105 00
July.	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of J. Young.....	95 00
	Do. do. do. C. C. Cone	87 50
	Do. do. do. W. F. Farrington	117 50
Oct.	Do. do. do. do	117 50
	Do. do. do. J. Young	95 00
Dec.	Do. do. do. do.....	95 00
		<hr/> \$1,083 75

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of J. Blanchard.....	\$78 75
Feb.	Do. do. do. H. Penfield.....	50 00
Mar.	Do. do. do. J. K. Gillett.....	15 00
	Do. do. do. I. Coggeshall.....	18 75

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of	G. Smith.....	\$112 50	
Mar.	Do.	do.	W. H. Collins	131 00
	Do.	do.	W. H. Brockway.....	1,400 00
	Do.	do.	J. Shaw.....	618 75
April.	Do.	do.	J. Blanchard	78 75
May.	Do.	do.	J. Jennings.....	25 00
June.	Do.	do.	J. K. Gillett.....	15 00
	Do.	do.	W. H. Brockway.....	1,400 00
	Do.	do.	J. Shaw	618 75
	Do.	do.	J. Jennings.....	12 50
July.	Do.	do.	I. Coggeshall.....	18 75
	Do.	do.	G. Smith.....	112 50
	Do.	do.	W. H. Collins	131 00
Aug.	Do.	do.	J. Blanchard.....	78 75
Oct.	Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of	J. Jennings.....	25 00	
	Do.	do.	H. Penfield.....	53 75
	Do.	do.	D. Burns.....	37 50
	Do.	do.	H. Luce.....	36 25
	Do.	do.	I. Coggeshall.....	53 75
	Do.	do.	W. H. Brockway.....	1,281 25
Dec.	Do.	do.	do.....	1,281 25
	Do.	do.	H. Law.....	36 25
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				\$7,720 75

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.					
1856.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of			J. Kerns.....	\$418 75
Aug.	Do.	do.	do.	N. Hobart.....	162 50
	Do.	do.	do.	T. M. Kirkpatrick.....	118 75
Nov.	Do.	do.	do.	D. Brooks.....	575 00
	Do.	do.	do.	J. Kerns.....	418 75
	Do.	do.	do.	N. Hobart.....	162 50
Dec.	Do.	do.	do.	T. M. Kirkpatrick.....	118 75
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					\$1,975 00

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.			
1856.			
Jan.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of J. D. Bridge.....		\$111 00
Feb.	Do.	do. J. Porter.....	70 00
	Do.	do. L. Crowell.....	94 00
Mar.	Do.	do. T. Marcy.....	87 50
May.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of J. D. Bridge.....		103 75
	Do.	do. T. Marcy.....	118 29
	Do.	do. L. Crowell.....	123 75
July.	Do.	do. J. D. Bridge.....	103 75
	Do.	do. T. Marcy	118 29
	Do.	do. L. Crowell.....	123 75
Oct.	Do.	do. T. Marcy.....	118 29
	Do.	do. L. Crowell.....	123 75
Dec.	Do.	do. J. Hascall.....	103 75
	Do.	do. do.....	103 75
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			\$1,503 62

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid	Bishop Janes's draft in favor of	W. D. Cass	\$57 50
Feb.	Do.	do.	J. Thurston	90 00
	Do.	do.	N. Culver.....	87 50
Mar.	Do.	do.	W. D. Cass.....	57 50

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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1856.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of	R. Dearborn.....	\$64 25
July.	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of	A. C. Manson.....	93 75
	Do. do. do.	L. Howard.....	125 00
	Do. do. do.	J. Thurston.....	127 50
Sept.	Do. do. do.	A. C. Manson.....	93 75
Oct.	Do. do. do.	J. Thurston.....	42 50
	Do. do. do.	L. Howard.....	125 00
Dec.	Do. do. do.	J. Thurston.....	127 50
	Do. do. do.	A. C. Manson.....	93 75
	Do. do. do.	L. Howard.....	125 00

\$1,310 50

NEW-JERSEY CONFERENCE.

1856.				
Jan.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of	J. S. Porter	\$65 00	
	Do. do. do.	T. McCarroll	82 50	
	Do. do. do.	W. A. Wilmer.....	65 00	
Feb.	Do. do. do.	I. Winner	32 50	
	Do. do. do.	T. Sovereign.....	25 00	
Mar.	Do. do. do.	M. Force.....	220 00	
April.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	T. McCarroll.....	95 00	
	Do. do. do.	W. A. Wilmer	70 00	
May.	Do. do. do.	I. Winner	67 50	
	Do. do. do.	J. S. Porter	87 50	
June.	Do. do. do.	B. Day	70 00	
July.	Do. do. do.	J. S. Porter	87 50	
	Do. do. do.	I. Winner.....	67 50	
	Do. do. do.	T. McCarroll.....	95 00	
	Do. do. do.	B. Day	70 00	
	Do. do. do.	G. F. Brown.....	35 00	
	Do. do. do.	W. A. Wilmer.....	70 00	
	Do. do. do.	S. Y. Monroe.....	50 00	
Aug.	Do. do. do.	G. F. Brown.....	35 00	
Oct.	Do. do. do.	J. S. Porter.....	87 50	
	Do. do. do.	T. McCarroll	95 00	
	Do. do. do.	B. Day	70 00	
	Do. do. do.	I. Winner	67 50	
	Do. do. do.	G. F. Brown	35 00	
	Do. do. do.	S. Y. Monroe.....	25 00	
	Do. do. do.	W. A. Wilmer.....	70 00	
Dec.	Do. do. do.	B. Day.....	70 00	

\$1,910 00

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

1856.				
Feb.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of	S. Martindale.....	\$100 00	
	Do. do. do.	P. Rice.....	525 00	
	Do. do. do.	P. C. Oakley	97 50	
	Do. do. do.	J. Z. Nichols.....	37 50	
	Do. do. do.	J. B. Beach.....	75 00	
Mar.	Do. do. do.	P. Rice.....	90 00	
	Do. do. do.	C. Jost.....	1,980 00	
	Do. do. do.	J. Sauter.....	1,238 75	
	Do. do. do.	L. M. Vincent.....	50 00	
June.	Do. do. do.	P. R. Brown.....	71 25	
July.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	L. M. Vincent	38 75	
	Do. do. do.	S. Martindale.....	112 50	
	Do. do. do.	C. Jost.....	1,793 75	
	Do. do. do.	J. Sauter.....	1,206 25	
	Do. do. do.	J. B. Beach.....	40 00	
Aug.	Do. do. do.	P. Rice.....	162 50	

1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of	P. Rice	\$550 00
Aug.	Do. do. do.	P. C. Oakley.....	75 00
Sept.	Do. do. do.	S. Martindale.....	112 50
Oct.	Do. do. do.	J. Sauter.....	1,206 25
	Do. do. do.	C. Jost.....	1,793 75
	Do. do. do.	P. Rice	550 00
	Do. do. do.	J. B. Beach.....	40 00
	Do. do. do.	P. C. Oakley	75 00
	Do. do. do.	L. M. Vincent	38 75
	Do. do. do.	P. R. Brown	71 25
Nov.	Do. do. do.	P. Rice.....	162 50
Dec.	Do. do. do.	do.	550 00
	Do. do. do.	L. M. Vincent	38 75
	Do. do. do.	S. Martindale	112 50
	Do. do. do.	P. R. Brown	71 25
	Do. do. do.	P. Rice.....	162 50
	Do. do. do.	J. Sauter	1,206 25
	Do. do. do.	C. Jost	1,793 75
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			\$16,228 75

NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	J. Floy.....	\$262 50
Jan.	Do. do. do.	B. Goodsell.....	175 00
Feb.	Do. do. do.	D. Miller.....	110 00
Mar.	Do. do. do.	J. Floy	262 50
	Do. do. do.	E. S. Janes.....	112 50
June.	Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of	A. Nash	80 00
July.	Do. do. do.	W. H. Norris	265 00
	Do. do. do.	J. Law.....	400 00
	Do. do. do.	W. H. Norris.....	250 00
	Do. do. do.	E. E. Griswold.....	123 75
Aug.	Do. do. do.	B. Goodsell.....	181 25
Sept.	Do. do. do.	W. H. Norris.....	265 00
	Do. do. do.	A. Nash.....	80 00
Oct.	Do. do. do.	W. H. Norris.....	250 00
	Do. do. do.	E. E. Griswold.....	123 75
Nov.	Do. do. do.	B. Goodsell	181 25
Dec.	Do. do. do.	A. Nash.....	80 00
	Do. do. do.	W. H. Norris.....	515 00
	Do. do. do.	B. Goodsell	181 25
	Do. do. do.	E. E. Griswold.....	123 75
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			\$4,022 50

ONEIDA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of	A. J. Dana.....	\$31 25
Feb.	Do. do. do.	I. Parks	87 50
	Do. do. do.	do	43 75
	Do. do. do.	D. W. Bristol.....	43 75
	Do. do. do.	do.....	145 00
Mar.	Do. do. do.	W. Bixby.....	37 50
	Do. do. do.	E. Bowen.....	37 50
	Do. do. do.	F. Reed	31 25
May.	Do. do. do.	W. Bixby.....	37 50
	Do. do. do.	D. W. Bristol	145 00
	Do. do. do.	do	43 75
	Do. do. do.	F. Reed.....	31 25
	Do. do. do.	A. J. Dana.....	31 25
June.	Do. do. do.	E. Bowen.....	37 50

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of I. Parks	\$131 25
Aug.	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of D. W. Bristol.....	25 00
Sept.	Do. do. do. For 1st installments.....	487 50
Oct.	Do. do. do. A. J. Dana.....	31 25
	Do. do. do. I. Parks	122 50
	Do. do. do. D. W. Bristol.....	162 50
	Do. do. do. F. Reed	75 00
Nov.	Do. do. do. D. W. Thurston.....	37 50
	Do. do. do. F. Reed	68 75
Dec.	Do. do. do. W. Bixby.....	40 00
	Do. do. do. A. J. Dana.....	31 25
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		\$1,996 25

OREGON MISSION.

1856.	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of J. F. Devore	\$112 50
Jan.	Do. do. do. D. E. Blain	87 50
Mar.	Do. do. do. J. F. Devore.....	200 00
	Do. do. do. A. F. Waller.....	193 75
April.	Do. do. do. G. Hines.....	306 25
	Do. do. do. W. B. Morse	87 50
	Do. do. do. G. Hines.....	306 25
May.	Do. do. do. J. H. Wilbur	712 50
Oct.	Do. do. do. Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of A. F. Waller	96 87
	Do. do. do. J. H. Wilbur.....	106 25
	Do. do. do. A. F. Waller.....	162 50
	Do. do. do. G. Hines.....	143 75
	Do. do. do. J. F. Devore.....	580 00
	Do. do. do. J. H. Wilbur.....	200 00
	Do. do. do. A. F. Waller.....	257 50
Nov.	Do. do. do. W. Roberts.....	300 00
Dec.	Do. do. do. J. H. Wilbur	200 00
	Do. do. do. G. Hines.....	762 50
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		\$4,815 62

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of W. M'Combs.....	\$62 50
Jan.	Do. do. do. J. Cunningham	100 00
April.	Do. do. do. J. Castle.....	281 25
	Do. do. do. W. Cooper.....	206 25
	Do. do. do. T. J. Thompson	187 50
	Do. do. do. J. T. Hazzard	187 50
	Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of W. Cooper	68 75
	Do. do. do. T. J. Thompson	87 50
	Do. do. do. J. Cunningham	125 00
	Do. do. do. W. M'Combs.....	62 50
	Do. do. do. J. T. Hazzard	62 50
May.	Do. do. do. J. Castle.....	93 75
July.	Do. do. do. W. M'Combs.....	62 50
	Do. do. do. J. Cunningham.....	125 00
	Do. do. do. J. Castle.....	93 75
Sept.	Do. do. do. J. T. Hazzard	62 50
Oct.	Do. do. do. do.....	62 50
	Do. do. do. W. M'Combs.....	62 50
	Do. do. do. J. Cunningham	125 00
	Do. do. do. J. Castle.....	93 75
Dec.	Do. do. do. W. M'Combs.....	62 50
	Do. do. do. J. T. Hazzard	62 50
	Do. do. do. J. Cunningham	125 00
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		\$2,462 50

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.

1856.					
Jan.	Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of	I. N. Baird.....	\$225	00	
	Do.	do.	G. D. Kinnear.....	37	50
Feb.	Do.	do.	W. Cox.....	43	75
Mar.	Do.	do.	I. N. Baird.....	225	00
	Do.	do.	J. Henderson.....	31	25
April.	Do.	do.	G. D. Kinnear.....	37	50
	Do.	do.	W. Cox.....	43	75
May.	Do.	do.	J. Henderson.....	31	25
June.	Do.	do.	J. Moffitt.....	25	00
July.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of	J. G. Sansom.....	37	50	
	Do.	do.	D. L. Dempsey.....	31	25
	Do.	do.	H. J. Clark.....	175	00
Aug.	Do.	do.	S. Wakefield.....	56	25
Sept.	Do.	do.	W. F. Lauck.....	75	00
Oct.	Do.	do.	J. L. Dempsey.....	31	25
	Do.	do.	S. Wakefield.....	56	25
	Do.	do.	E. Birkett.....	37	50
	Do.	do.	J. Henderson.....	31	25
	Do.	do.	H. J. Clark.....	175	00
	Do.	do.	J. G. Sansom.....	37	50
Nov.	Do.	do.	J. L. Dempsey.....	31	25
Dec.	Do.	do.	H. J. Clark.....	175	00
	Do.	do.	E. Birkett.....	37	50
	Do.	do.	J. Henderson.....	31	25
	Do.	do.	J. G. Sansom.....	37	50
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				\$1,756	
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PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE.

1856.					
Jan.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of	C. H. Titus.....	\$122	00	
Feb.	Do.	do.	P. T. Kenney.....	116	67
	Do.	do.	L. Daggett.....	111	25
July.	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of	L. Daggett.....	125	00	
	Do.	do.	P. Townsend.....	125	00
	Do.	do.	C. H. Titus.....	125	00
Oct.	Do.	do.	P. Townsend.....	125	00
	Do.	do.	L. Daggett.....	125	00
	Do.	do.	C. H. Titus.....	125	00
Dec.	Do.	do.	do.....	125	00
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				\$1,224	
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TROY CONFERENCE.

1856.					
Feb.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	S. Washburn.....	\$56	25	
	Do.	do.	B. M. Hall.....	68	75
Mar.	Do.	do.	D. P. Hulburd.....	75	00
	Do.	do.	T. Seymour.....	56	25
	Do.	do.	C. R. Morris.....	37	50
	Do.	do.	L. Potter.....	68	75
April.	Do.	do.	W. Griffin.....	25	00
July.	Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of	S. P. Williams.....	81	25	
	Do.	do.	D. P. Hulburd.....	62	50
	Do.	do.	W. Griffin.....	50	00
	Do.	do.	C. R. Morris.....	81	25
	Do.	do.	T. Seymour.....	50	00
	Do.	do.	H. L. Starks.....	37	50
	Do.	do.	S. Washburn.....	62	50
Aug.	Do.	do.	W. Griffin.....	50	00
Sept.	Do.	do.	D. P. Hulburd.....	62	50
Oct.	Do.	do.	C. R. Morris.....	81	25

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1856.	Paid	Bishop Morris's draft in favor of T. Seymour.....	\$50 00
Oct.	Do.	do. do. H. L. Starks.....	37 50
	Do.	do. do. S. Washburn	62 50
Nov.	Do.	do. do. S. P. Williams.....	81 25
Dec.	Do.	do. do. S. Washburn.....	62 50
	Do.	do. do. H. L. Starks	37 50
	Do.	do. do. T. Seymour	50 00
	Do.	do. do. W. Griffin.....	50 00
	Do.	do. do. C. R. Morris	81 25
	Do.	do. do. S. P. Williams.....	81 25
	Do.	do. do. D. P. Hulburd	62 50

 \$1,662 50

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid	Bishop Ames's draft in favor of H. Eastman	\$106 25
Jan.	Do.	do. do. do.....	106 25
Mar.	Do.	do. do. do. E. J. Scott.....	100 00
	Do.	do. do. do. S. Chamberlin	107 50
April.	Do.	do. do. do. S. Chamberlin.....	127 50
July.	Paid	Bishop Baker's draft in favor of H. Eastman.....	128 75
	Do.	do. do. do. S. Chamberlin.....	123 75
	Do.	do. do. do. E. J. Scott	127 50
Oct.	Do.	do. do. do. H. Eastman.....	108 75
	Do.	do. do. do. S. Chamberlin.....	123 75
	Do.	do. do. do. E. J. Scott.....	123 75
Dec.	Do.	do. do. do. do	128 75
	Do.	do. do. do. S. Chamberlin.....	127 50
	Do.	do. do. do. H. Eastman.....	

 \$1,540 00

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid	Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of R. W. Barnes.....	\$102 50
Sept.	Do.	do. do. do. A. Callender	47 50
	Do.	do. do. do. S. C. Jones.....	47 50
	Do.	do. do. do. R. R. Wood.....	186 25
	Do.	do. do. do. M. Himebaugh.....	16 25
Nov.	Do.	do. do. do. A. Brunson.....	58 75
	Do.	do. do. do. do	68 75
	Do.	do. do. do. M. Himebaugh.....	16 25
Dec.	Do.	do. do. do. R. W. Barnes.....	102 50
	Do.	do. do. do. R. R. Wood.....	186 25
	Do.	do. do. do. A. Callender	47 50

 \$890 00

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid	Bishop Janes's draft in favor of E. C. Jones.....	\$93 75
Jan.	Do.	do. do. do. I. Searles.....	45 00
	Do.	do. do. do. A. Brunson.....	56 25
	Do.	do. do. do. P. S. Bennett.....	37 50
	Do.	do. do. do. R. R. Wood.....	260 00
	Do.	do. do. do. N. Hobart.....	112 50
Mar.	Do.	do. do. do. A. P. Allen	68 75
	Do.	do. do. do. E. S. Grumley	516 25
	Do.	do. do. do. R. R. Wood.....	260 00
	Do.	do. do. do. E. Yocum.....	385 00
	Do.	do. do. do. I. Searles.....	45 00
	Do.	do. do. do. E. C. Jones	93 75
	Do.	do. do. do. J. M. Walker.....	172 50

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1856.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of	R. W. Barns.....	\$165 00
Mar.	Do. do. do.	D. Brooks.....	606 00
	Do. do. do.	J. W. Wood	28 75
	Do. do. do.	J. Kearns	265 00
	Do. do. do.	A. Brunson	56 25
April.	Do. do. do.	N. Hobart.....	112 50
May.	Do. do. do.	A. P. Allen	68 75
June.	Do. do. do.	D. Brooks.....	606 00
	Do. do. do.	P. S. Bennett.....	37 50
	Do. do. do.	E. C. Jones	93 75
	Do. do. do.	J. W. Wood.....	28 75
	Do. do. do.	R. R. Wood.....	260 00
	Do. do. do.	E. Young.....	385 00
	Do. do. do.	R. W. Barns.....	165 00
	Do. do. do.	J. W. Wood.....	28 75
	Do. do. do.	A. Brunson.....	56 25
	Do. do. do.	I. Searles.....	45 00
July.	Do. do. do.	N. Hobart.....	112 50
	Do. do. do.	E. S. Grumley.....	516 25
	Do. do. do.	P. S. Bennett.....	37 50
	Do. do. do.	J. M. Walker.....	172 50
	Do. do. do.	J. Kearns	265 00
Oct.	Do. do. do.	P. S. Bennett.....	31 25
	Do. do. do.	H. Requa	87 50
	Do. do. do.	E. Yocum.....	300 00
	Do. do. do.	J. M. Walker.....	125 00
	Do. do. do.	C. G. Lathrop	43 75
	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	E. Yocum	100 00
	Do. do. do.	I. M. Leihy.....	675 00
Dec.	Do. do. do.	P. S. Bennett	31 25
	Do. do. do.	C. G. Lathrop	43 75
	Do. do. do.	E. S. Grumley.....	56 25
	Do. do. do.	J. M. Walker	125 00
	Do. do. do.	E. Yocum	400 00
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			\$8,277 00

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of	W. H. Pearne	\$53 50
Jan.	Do. do. do.	G. Peck.....	50 00
Feb.	Do. do. do.	N. Rounds.....	150 00
Mar.	Do. do. do.	G. Landon..	50 00
	Do. do. do.	G. Peck.....	50 00
	Do. do. do.	N. Rounds.....	95 00
	Do. do. do.	W. Wyatt.....	71 25
April.	Do. do. do.	W. H. Pearne.....	53 50
July.	Do. do. do.	G. Landon	25 00
	Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of	N. Rounds.....	50 00
Aug.	Do. do. do.	Z. Paddock.....	38 75
Sept.	Do. do. do.	G. Landon	23 75
Oct.	Do. do. do.	N. Rounds	50 00
	Do. do. do.	Z. Paddock	38 75
	Do. do. do.	C. W. Giddings.....	166 25
	Do. do. do.	W. Wyatt	133 75
Dec.	Do. do. do.	do	133 75
	Do. do. do.	do	133 75
	Do. do. do.	Z. Paddock.....	38 75
	Do. do. do.	G. Landon.....	23 75
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			\$1,429 50

BUENOS AYRES MISSION.

1856.			
Jan.	Paid R. B. Collin's bills, \$231 94; \$32 89.....	\$264 83	
	Do. Rev. G. D. Carrow's draft.....	82 00	
Feb.	Do. Rev. T. Carter.....	50 00	
Mar.	Do. H. R. Nicholson's drafts.....	410 00	
	Do. freight bill.....	3 52	
	Do. passage of H. R. Nicholson.....	700 00	
	Do. salary, etc., of do.....	523 21	
	Do. I. B. Cocaigue's bill, traveling expenses.....	115 26	
	Do. S. Hallett's bill, translating.....	10 00	
	Do. D. Terry's board bill, etc.....	77 44	
	Do. G. D. Carrow's draft.....	500 00	
May.	Do. do. do.....	500 00	
Oct.	Do. do. do.....	500 00	
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			\$3,736 26

CHINA MISSION.

1856.			
Jan.	Paid R. S. Maclay's draft.....	\$50 00	
Mar.	Do. Carlton & Phillips's bill books.....	65 35	
	Do. Brown, Brothers, & Co.....	1,503 80	
April.	Do. R. S. Maclay's draft.....	50 00	
June.	Do. do. do.....	25 00	
July.	Do. Brown, Brothers, & Co's drafts.....	1,512 38	
	Do. Brown, Brothers, & Co's do.....	1,957 77	
Aug.	Do. Rev. R. S. Maclay's draft.....	107 38	
Oct.	Do. do. do.....	500 00	
Nov.	Do. Doremus & Nixon's bill.....	119 75	
	Do. R. S. Maclay's draft.....	100 00	
Dec.	Do. do. do.....	375 00	
	Do. Brown, Brothers, & Co's letter of credit.....	2,494 89	
	Do. R. S. Maclay's draft.....	400 00	
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			\$9,261 32

FOREIGN GERMAN MISSION.

1856.			
Jan.	Paid L. S. Jacoby's draft, No. 241.....	\$37 58	
	Do. do. do. 301, 302, 303.....	1,412 50	
Mar.	Do. Rev. L. S. Jacoby, in Germany.....	87 60	
	Do. Rev. L. S. Jacoby's bill, traveling expenses.....	194 97	
	Do. do. draft.....	1,037 57	
April.	Do. do. do.....	2,214 46	
	Do. do. do.....	1,000 00	
	Do. do. do.....	116 00	
May.	Do. Rev. L. S. Jacoby's passage to Germany.....	130 00	
June.	Do. L. S. Jacoby's draft.....	1,500 00	
	Do. L. S. Jacoby's traveling expenses.....	63 55	
July.	Do. H. Z. Jacobsmuhlen's passage, etc.....	82 09	
	Do. L. S. Jacoby's drafts, \$15 70; \$15 70; \$25 90.....	57 30	
	Do. do. do.....	244 48	
	Do. do. do. \$47 20; \$106 07.....	153 27	
	Do. do. from American Bible Society.....	1,000 00	
	Do. do. draft.....	80 00	
Oct.	Do. do. drafts, \$135 50; \$15 70.....	151 20	
	Do. do. draft.....	157 00	
	Do. do. drafts, \$1,600; \$700.....	2,300 00	
Dec.	Do. Rev. L. S. Jacoby, in Germany.....	225 04	

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1856.	Paid L. S. Jacoby's drafts, \$1,800 ; \$97 50.....	\$1,897 50
Dec.	Do. do. do. \$250, \$67 22.....	317 22
		<u>\$14,486 81</u>

FRENCH MISSION.

1856.		
Mar.	Paid Rev. C. Cook's draft.....	\$500 00
June.	Do. do.	2,000 00
July.	Do. do.	1,250 00
Aug.	Do. D. Terry's bill	17 85
Oct.	Do. C. Cook's draft	1,250 00
Dec.	Do. do.	1,250 00
		<u>\$6,267 85</u>

LIBERIA MISSION.

1856.		
Jan.	Paid J. L. Wilson's bill.....	\$20 00
	Do. sundry drafts	3,077 93
Feb.	Do. Rev. G. Webber's bill.....	61 05
	Do. sundry drafts.....	357 03
	Do. do. do.	2,020 57
Mar.	Do. freight bill	6 35
	Do. J. B. M'Gill's draft	75 00
	Do. Robert Paton's bill	12 50
	Do. J. B. M'Gill's draft.....	24 53
	Do. sundry drafts through bank.....	3,182 91
April.	Do. do. do.	469 00
	Do. do. do.	590 00
May.	Do. do. do.	806 00
	Do. do. do.	2,532 91
	Do. D. Terry's bills, \$3 17; \$9 45; \$150 00; \$60 50.....	223 12
June.	Do. freight bill	86 73
	Do. sundry drafts.....	570 75
	Do. do. do.	440 00
	Do. bill for Miss Hazzard.....	50 00
	Do. sundry drafts.....	155 51
July.	Do. Rev. J. W. Harland's passage.....	100 00
	Do. Rev. G. Webber's bill	140 04
	Do. R. B. Collins's bill	170 14
	Do. J. B. M'Gill's draft.....	25 00
	Do. do. do.	114 00
	Do. do. do.	102 50
	Do. H. Moore's bill	58 50
	Do. sundry drafts.....	7,138 16
Aug.	Do. W. D. Kennedy's bill	\$74 17
	Do. Phelps & Kingman's bill.....	28 75
	Do. C. Wilbur's bill.....	10 57
	Do. Wetmore & Co.'s bill	51 96
	Do. L. & V. Kirby & Co.'s bill.....	48 88
	Do. J. B. M'Gill's draft.....	10 00
	Do. J. Hyatt's bill	15 50
	Do. J. W. Harland	65 00
	Do. Fairbanks & Co.	63 13
	Do. W. F. Burns, board, etc.....	79 94
	Do. Drs. Parker and Watts.....	10 00
	Do. Yates & Porterfield.....	101 10
	Do. sundry drafts.....	2,558 73
	Do. J. W. Harland	21 00
Sept.	Do. W. F. Burns, on account of his education.....	56 25
	Do. Carlton & Porter's bill.....	3 00
	Do. F. L. Page, teacher	25 00
	Do. J. B. M'Gill's drafts	105 00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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1856.	Paid Carlton & Porter's bill books	\$16 15
Sept.	Do. P. L. Page, teacher.....	62 50
	Do. J. W. Harland, on account of salary	60 00
	Do. freight and passage, Harland & Page	204 10
	Do. J. B. McGill's drafts.....	513 50
	Do. sundry drafts.....	1,790 28
Oct.	Do. J. B. McGill's drafts, \$68 50; \$25 00; \$130.....	223 50
	Do. bill for Miss Hazzard.....	25 00
	Do. J. B. McGill's draft.....	25 00
	Do. W. D. Kennedy's bill.....	15 33
	Do. sundry drafts.....	5,991 69
Nov.	Do. do. do.....	33 32
	Do. do. do.....	490 00
Dec.	Do. bill for Miss Hazzard.....	50 00
	Do. J. B. McGill's draft.....	60 00
	Do. sundry drafts.....	948 33
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		\$36,446 91

NEW-MEXICO MISSION.

1856.	Paid Rev. D. D. Lore's draft.....	\$500 00
Feb.	Do. B. Cardenas, in full.....	98 50
Aug.		<hr/>
		\$598 50

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

1856.	Paid D. Terry, for P. Larsen.....	\$100 00
Mar.	Do. do. S. B. Newman.....	10 00
May.	Do. do. C. Willerup.....	50 00
	Do. passage of C. Willerup, wife, and two children, to Bremen...	390 00
	Do. sundry bills, C. Willerup, \$1,037 50; \$90 22; \$12 47.....	1,140 19
	Do. board bill, C. Willerup.....	79 50
Nov.	Do. C. Willerup, bill of exchange.....	214 81
Dec.	Do. American Tract Society.....	32 50
	Do. C. Willerup.....	571 25
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		\$2,588 25

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

1856.	Paid O. G. Hedstrom, for Bethel ship	\$25 00
Jan.	Do. do. do. do.....	25 00
	Do. on account French Mission in N. Y.....	50 00
Feb.	Do. O. G. Hedstrom's draft.....	25 00
	Do. Bishop Scott's draft	35 00
Mar.	Do. M. Raymond on account of education of colored girl.....	25 00
	Do. C. K. True's draft in favor of C. H. Gardner.....	50 00
	Do. O. G. Hedstrom, for Bethel ship.....	25 00
	Do. O. G. Hedstrom, traveling expenses West.....	125 00
	Do. W. H. Collins's draft.....	100 00
	Do. Bishop Scott's draft in favor of M. Goheen.....	250 00
April.	Do. O. G. Hedstrom, for Bethel ship.....	25 00
May.	Do. do. do. do.....	25 00
	Do. W. H. Collins's draft Sault Ste. Marie Mission	100 00
June.	Do. C. K. True's draft.....	50 00
	Do. C. J. Fosburgh, for Bethel ship.....	25 00
July.	Do. O. G. Hedstrom, for Bethel ship.....	25 00
Aug.	Do. do. do. do.....	25 00
	Do. W. H. Collins's draft	100 00
	Do. C. K. True's draft.....	50 00
Sept.	Do. H. C. Gardner	16 00

1856.	Paid O. G. Hedstrom, for Bethel ship.....	\$25 00
Oct.	Do. do. do. do.....	25 00
	Do. I. Shaw's draft in favor of J. Hutchings.....	597 50
Nov.	Do. O. G. Hedstrom, for Bethel ship.....	25 00
	Do. H. C. Gardner and W. F. Burns's education.....	158 54
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		\$2,007 04

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

1856.		
Jan.	Paid Carlton & Phillips's postage bills, past year.....	\$166 94
	Do. D. Terry's bills, \$12 45; \$22 96; \$90 12.....	125 53
	Do. Manhattan Gas Co.'s bill.....	7 52
	Do. Dr. Durbin, on account of salary.....	560 00
	Do. D. Terry, do.....	45 00
	Do. express charges.....	0 12
Feb.	Do. freight bills.....	17 74
	Do. D. Terry's bills.....	14 43
	Do. J. A. Baker's bills.....	25
	Do. assessment for sewer.....	117 97
	Do. exchange on draft.....	0 50
	Do. Dr. Durbin's postage, etc.....	6 38
	Do. Carlton & Phillips's bill subscriptions.....	48 65
	Do. telegraphic dispatch.....	1 10
	Do. E. Teel, for engraving certificate.....	30 00
	Do. American Express Co.....	3 50
	Do. G. B. Burn's bill.....	270 73
	Do. D. L. Ross & Co., freight bill.....	19 66
	Do. express charges.....	0 75
	Do. D. Terry, on account of salary.....	104 00
Mar.	Do. J. D. Felter's bill engraving.....	100 00
	Do. D. Terry's bills, board, etc.....	44 48
	Do. book and binding.....	1 75
	Do. R. G. Armstrong's bill.....	225 00
	Do. W. S. Hunt's bill.....	75 03
	Do. Dr. Durbin, traveling expenses.....	21 29
	Do. J. Westerfield's bill.....	3 25
	Do. freight bills, \$4 25; discount, etc., \$41 30.....	45 55
	Do. Carlton & Phillips's bill tracts.....	4 00
	Do. Subscription to Western Christian Advocate.....	1 00
	Do. discount and freight.....	4 40
	Do. Carlton & Phillips's bill binding.....	25 00
	Do. Campbell, Hall, & Co., plate paper.....	361 87
	Do. Dr. Durbin, on account of salary.....	10 00
	Do. D. Terry, on do.....	75 00
	Do. A. M. Osbon's traveling expenses to anniversary.....	10 86
	Do. J. Floy's, do. do.....	10 00
	Do. D. Terry's bills, \$12 50, \$6 56, \$1 88, \$0 36.....	21 30
	Do. bill books (for India).....	9 88
April.	Do. Rev. Dr. Durbin's bill, traveling expenses, etc.....	25 03
	Do. express charges.....	1 25
	Do. interest on bond to S. Puffer.....	60 00
	Do. express charges, \$2 75; discount, \$1 35.....	4 10
	Do. J. H. Colton & Co., map.....	22 00
	Do. Carlton & Phillips's bill binding.....	7 44
	Do. Manhattan Gas Co.....	8 72
	Do. Dr. Durbin, in full for salary to date.....	303 13
	Do. D. Terry, on account.....	50 00
	Do. Mrs. L. Chase's draft.....	50 00
	Do. express charges.....	2 50
	Do. D. Terry, sundry bills.....	91 59
May.	Do. F. E. Jones, printing certificates.....	245 36
	Do. T. Baker, repairs.....	2 00

1856.	Paid Vashti Clark's draft	\$70 00
May.	Do. freight bill	1 08
	Do. express charges.....	1 12
	Do. Carlton & Phillips's bill books.....	15 63
	Do. counterfeit note.....	3 00
	Do. D. Terry, on account.....	25 00
	Do. D. Terry's bills, \$37 12, \$12 50.....	49 62
June.	Do. discount on uncurrent funds	0 20
	Do. Duncan & M'Cormick's bill painting.....	15 00
	Do. expense on constitution, revised, etc.....	4 43
	Do. S. Lewis, mason's bill.....	18 78
	Do. F. E. Jones's bill printing.....	93 36
	Do. freight bill	7 62
	Do. Dr. Durbin's bills, traveling expenses, etc.....	49 10
	Do. freight and discount, \$2 50, \$1 25, \$6 25, \$3 25.....	13 25
	Do. D. Terry's bills	56 17
	Do. D. Terry, on salary	90 00
July.	Do. Union Mutual Insurance Co.....	175 00
	Do. Dr. Durbin, traveling expenses	23 10
	Do. sundry freight bills, \$3 00, \$2 75, \$1 50, \$3 08.....	10 33
	Do. A. E. Lent & Co.'s bill, printing certificates.....	180 00
	Do. T. V. Forster's bill, painting, etc.....	18 92
	Do. sundry discounts and freight, \$7 25, \$48, \$2	57 25
	Do. Carlton & Phillips's bill.....	1,013 63
	Do. Dr. Durbin's bill, traveling expenses	22 37
	Do. R. E. & W. T. Peterson's bill	7 52
	Do. sundry freight and discount.....	14 49
	Do. Manhattan Gas Co.....	5 12
	Do. Carlton & Porter's bill books	4 76
	Do. D. Terry's bills, \$19 88, \$12 50.....	32 38
	Do. discount on uncurrent funds.....	15 17
	Do. Dr. Durbin, on account of salary.....	555 00
	Do. D. Terry, do.....	86 00
	Do. Dr. Durbin's bill, traveling expenses.....	22 44
	Do. steel pens for office.....	2 00
	Do. Carlton & Porter's bill.....	30 00
Aug.	Do. Latimer & Co.'s bill.....	6 75
	Do. freight bills.....	3 01
	Do. express charges, etc., \$16 96, \$2 78.....	19 74
	Do. Lyon & Co.'s bill	15 90
	Do. insurance on houses	26 00
	Do. J. Shaw, taxes on mission property	22 50
	Do. freight bill	1 09
	Do. discount on uncurrent funds, etc.....	20 15
	Do. D. Terry, on account of salary.....	80 00
Sept.	Do. D. Terry's bills	21 82
	Do. express charges.....	1 75
	Do. Five Points Mission, an amount credited to Missionary Society through mistake.....	16 75
	Do. S. Puffer, interest	60 00
	Do. A. E. Lent & Co., printing certificates	172 50
	Do. express charges.....	0 75
	Do. Dr. Durbin, traveling expenses	42 57
	Do. Lyon & Raynor's bill.....	14 66
	Do. discount on uncurrent funds, etc.....	10 74
	Do. Abbott & Ladue's bill, wood	23 25
	Do. freight bill	0 93
	Do. do.....	1 80
	Do. Dr. Durbin, on account of salary	435 00
	Do. D. Terry, do. do.	90 00
	Do. amount returned East Genesee Conference Society	60 00
	Do. discount on uncurrent funds	10 41
	Do. freight bill.....	0 84

1856.	Paid Carlton & Porter's bill.....	\$5 10
Sept.	Do. D. Terry, sundries	28 63
Oct.	Do. Abbott & Ladue's bill, coal.....	11 00
	Do. Carlton & Porter's bill.....	1,156 33
	Do. exchange and freight.....	17 02
	Do. Dr. Durbin's bill, \$69 30; do. draft, \$50	119 30
	Do. freight bills and exchange, etc., \$1 88, \$19 00, \$12 47, \$1 00	34 35
	Do. W. A. Maurice's bill, paper.....	6 38
	Do. insurance	18 75
	Do. Manhattan Gas Light Co.....	3 92
	Do. interest on note, discounted	367 50
	Do. D. Terry, on account of salary.....	75 00
	Do. Duncan & McCormick, painting	8 00
	Do. Vashti Clark's draft.....	70 00
	Do. N. Lane & Co.'s bill circulars.....	19 00
	Do. sundry bills, by D. Terry, \$12 50, \$26 88, \$26 70, \$11 91, \$16 84	94 83
Nov.	Do. General Missionary Committee, traveling expenses.....	423 00
	Do. Carlton & Porter's bill.....	15 05
	Do. Rev. J. Dempster's traveling expenses.....	55 00
	Do. repairs on house in Houston-st	36 45
	Do. for use of Tabernacle, (half price, not occupied,)	25 00
	Do. Carlton & Porter's bill books	1 35
	Do. exchange on drafts	1 84
	Do. gas bill	1 46
	Do. Bishop Simpson, on account of traveling expenses	3 00
	Do. Croton Water bill.....	34 51
	Do. G. B. Burn's bill.....	206 38
	Do. freight bill	1 29
	Do. traveling expenses of G. D. Carrow	15 00
	Do. Dr. Durbin, on account of salary	10 00
	Do. D. Terry, do. do.....	70 00
	Do. taxes, etc	193 62
	Do. J. M. & E. A. Thorp's bill.....	30 98
	Do. Mrs. L. Chase's draft	50 00
	Do. balance of Missionary Advocate account.....	2,669 18
	Do. traveling expenses of bishops General Committee meeting...	149 00
Dec.	Do. freight bill	4 04
	Do. anniversary expenses.....	18 75
	Do. express charges, etc., \$0 38, \$2 25.....	2 63
	Do. D. Terry's bills.....	72 67
	Do. Carlton & Porter, keeping missionary books	500 00
	Do. New-York Spectator.....	8 16
	Do. Dr. Durbin's bill, traveling expenses, etc.....	11 33
	Do. gas bill	3 71
	Do. freight bill	0 80
	Do. Dr. Durbin, on account of salary.....	25 00
	Do. D. Terry, do. do.....	105 00
	Do. D. Terry's bills, \$12 63, \$12 50.....	25 13
	Do. postage past year.....	225 45
	Do. express charges on Missionary Advocate	184 07
	Do. tax bill	70 53
	Do. Abbott & Ladue's bill	11 50

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RECAPITULATION OF DISBURSEMENTS.

Buenos Ayres Mission.....		\$3,736 26
China Mission		9,261 32
Foreign German Mission.....		14,486 81
Liberia Mission.....		36,446 91
New-Mexico Mission.....		598 50
Norway and Sweden.....		2,588 25
French Mission		6,267 85
India Mission.....		3,541 82
Special Appropriations		2,007 04
Incidental Expenses.....		14,710 29
Domestic Missions:		
Baltimore Conference.....	\$2,733 68	
Black River do.	2,683 75	
California do.	14,428 84	
Detroit do.	1,831 25	
East Genesee do.	1,122 74	
East Maine do.	1,574 82	
Erie do.	2,032 50	
Genesee do.	1,861 00	
Maine do.	1,083 75	
Michigan do.	7,720 75	
Minnesota do.	1,975 00	
New-England do.	1,503 62	
New-Hampshire do.	1,310 50	
New-Jersey do.	1,910 00	
New-York do.	16,228 75	
N. York East do.	4,022 50	
Oneida do.	1,996 25	
Oregon do.	4,815 62	
Philadelphia do.	2,462 50	
Pittsburgh do.	1,756 25	
Providence do.	1,224 92	
Troy do.	1,662 50	
Vermont do.	1,540 00	
Wisconsin do.	8,277 00	
W. Wisconsin do.	890 00	
Wyoming do.	1,429 50	
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		\$183,723 04

Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in account with
L. SWORMSTEDT, Assistant Treasurer.

CR.—BY CASH RECEIVED FROM SUNDRIES, VIZ.:

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Refunded as unused, by Rev. M. Robertson	\$75 00
	Refunded by Rev. A. Bewley, part of appropriation of last year, unused	119 00
Dec.	Returned by Rev. A. Bewley, as unexpended of last year's appropriation	87 50
		<hr/> \$281 50

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Assignment of ground rent, by J. Mears, quarter ending 14th December	\$99 00
	For mission cause, from Rev. C. G. Futsche, Cincinnati Conference	7 00
	From Rev. Hugo Rehm, Cincinnati Conference, for mission cause	5 00
	For mission cause, by a German, at Greenville Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. A. Schmermund	2 00
	Rev. J. A. Schmermund, Greenville German Mission, Cincinnati Conference	1 00
	Sinking Springs circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. D. Calahan	15 00
	G. Nachtrieb, by Bruhl	2 00
Feb.	Extra collection of the German Mission, at Mount Pleasant, on account of the mission debt, by Rev. W. Floerke	4 00
	Extra collection of the German Mission, at Cleveland, on account of the mission debt, by Rev. N. Nuhfer	5 00
	Extra collection of Sidney and Knoxville German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, for mission cause, by Rev. F. Schimmelpfenning	8 50
	Extra collection of the German mission, at Pittsburgh, Pa., Cincinnati Conference, for mission cause, by Rev. G. A. Reuter	9 00
	From a German sister, by Rev. G. Nachtrieb	1 00
	Extra collection at Detroit German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. P. Schneider	10 00
	Extra collection in Buckeye-st. German station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. Gahn	14 00
Mar.	Extra collection at the German Mission, Columbus, Ohio, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. G. Nachtrieb	7 00
	Extra collection at the German Mission, at Newport, Kentucky, by Rev. H. Henke	6 25
	Extra collection at the German Mission, in Covington, Kentucky, by Rev. C. Kessinger	4 50
	Extra collection at Greenfield German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by C. M. Neubeck	2 00
	Extra collection at Toledo, Ohio, by Rev. P. Brodbeck	9 00
	Extra collection at Portsmouth German Mission, by Rev. W. Kaetter	10 00
	For mission cause, from a German sister, by Rev. W. Ahrens	3 00
	Extra collection at Dayton German station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. Vogel	10 25
	Extra collection at Dayton German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. H. Herzer	4 25

1856.	Extra collection at Washington German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. Horst.....	4 00
March.	Extra collection at Marietta German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. G. Fritsche	15 00
	Extra collection at Congress-st., Cincinnati, by Rev. C. Helwig	3 00
	Extra collection of the German Mission at Columbus, Ohio, by Rev. G. Nachtrieb.....	4 25
	Extra collection at Greenville German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. A. Schmermund.....	3 00
	Extra collection at Furnace German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. John Rixse	7 00
	Extra collection at Captina German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. H. Rehm.....	11 00
	German Young Men's Tent Association, by T. Baur.....	1 00
	Extra collection, Covington, Kentucky, German Mission, by Rev. C. Kessinger.....	1 75
	Assignment of ground-rent, by J. Mears, one quarter to 14th inst.	99 00
	Extra collection at Galion German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. E. Wunderlich	9 00
	Extra collection at Rockport German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. P. Weber.....	2 27
	Bethel Chapel S. S., Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. J. Thompson	10 00
April.	Extra collection at Mount Clemens and Roseville German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. G. Laas	3 77
	Extra collection at Bucyrus German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. A. Wuensch	6 00
	German station, Chillicothe, for mission debt, \$17 40; German sister, at Circleville, Ohio, \$1 00; Waverley German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, \$4 72; by Rev. W. Engel.....	23 12
	Extra collection at Lansing German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. Krehbiel.....	2 40
	Extra collection at St. Clair and Newport German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. D. Neier.....	4 60
	Extra collection at Birmingham German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. W. Dressler	5 00
	Extra collection at Rockport and Vermillion German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. P. Weber.....	3 50
	Extra collection at Buckhill and Malaga German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. Wythenbach.....	10 00
	Extra collection at Everett-st. German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. Phetzing	11 06
	Melford circuit, Cincinnati Conference, on account of missionary debt, by Rev. A. M. Lorrain	30 00
	Newark German Mission, on missionary debt, by Rev. J. Gabler	6 00
	Extra collection at Marion German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. Bier	7 00
	Extra collection at Ann Arbor German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. E. Baur	7 33
	Extra missionary collection at Sandusky city, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. V. Jahraus.....	■ 00
	Extra collection at Woodville and Perrysburgh German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. F. Kappahn.....	15 00
	Extra collection at Pomeroy German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. G. Weidman	13 05
	Extra collection at Bucyrus German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. A. Wuensch	1 00
	Donation from a German, by Rev. W. Nast	1 00
	Extra collection at West Union and Ripley German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. W. Fishbach	8 50
	Mount Auburn station, Cincinnati Conference, last year's collections reported in minutes, by Rev. W. G. W. Lewis.....	20 00
May.	Extra collection at Wheeling German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. George Danker.....	8 00

1856.	Ripley station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. W. Rowe	\$14 00
May.	A. D. Williams, for China Mission, by Rev. J. F. Wright.....	5 00
June.	Assignment of ground-rent, by John Mears, for one quarter ending 14th	99 08
	Avails of jewelry, by Rev. W. Young, tr. Cincinnati Conference Missionary Society.....	11 50
	By a German at Galion German Mission, Cincinnati Conference	20 00
July.	Madisonville circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. B. Glasscock	16 00
	Eaton station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. L. F. Van Cleve	30 00
	Tremont circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. E. H. Field.....	18 07
	Tremont circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. E. H. Field....	20 00
	Louisville, Ky., German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. H. Koch.....	4 00
Aug.	Tremont circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. E. H. Field.....	12 32
	Greenfield station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. S. Bennett....	35 00
Sept.	Subscription of Rev. G. Moody, made at last Cincinnati Conference, by self	10 00
	Asbury Chapel station, Cincinnati Conference, by A. Peacock ...	2 35
	Union Chapel, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. L. D. Barrows	161 38
	Mount Auburn, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. W. Cassatt ...	13 00
	Greenfield station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. S. Bennett....	65 00
	Harrison circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. H. Lawton...	16 00
	One quarter's ground-rent to 14th inst., assignment of John Mears	99 00
	Bethel Chapel Sunday School, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. J. Thompson	26 51
	Madisonville circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. B. Glasscock	70 00
	Harrison circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. H. Lawton	31 50
	Laurel circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. Armstrong.....	61 75
	Union Chapel, Cincinnati Conference, by G. W. Townley.....	15 00
	North Bend circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. M. Kauffman.....	146 43
	Amelia circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. L. P. Miller.....	99 95
	Chillicothe German station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. W. Engel	50 00
	Greenfield and Waverly German Mission, do.....	25 00
	Morris Chapel, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. A. Lowrey.....	70 00
	Clarksville circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. M. G. Perkhiser	92 80
	Wheeling German station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. G. Danker	23 23
	Asbury Chapel station, Cincinnati Conference, by J. M. Phillips	81 44
	Pittsburgh German station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. G. A. Reuter	67 00
	Alleghany German station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. G. A. Reuter.....	25 00
	Columbus German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. G. Nachtrieb	15 00
	Vienna circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. W. N. Williams	195 40
	North Lewisburgh circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. T. Bail.....	177 83
	Buckeye-st. German station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. Gahn	140 00
	Sunfish German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. H. Rehm	60 00
	Delaware German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. Nachtrieb	31 63
	Canal Dover German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. F. Hestmeyer.....	13 63
	Rockport and Vermilion German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. P. B. Weber	26 35
	West Cleveland German Mission, by Rev. P. B. Weber.....	5 00

1856.	Asbury Chapel station, Cincinnati Conference, by D. Raymond	\$23 00
Sept.	Urbana station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. D. Warnock.....	100 00
	St. Clair and Newport German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. D. Neier	31 00
	Height-st., Springfield, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. W. H. Sutherland	100 06
	Gallion German circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. E. Wun- derlich.....	44 22
	Finley Chapel station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. Fer- guson	56 76
	Lockland circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. S. Peregrine	106 76
	Perrysville and Woodville German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. F. Kappahn.....	79 60
	Mount Pleasant German Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. W. Floerke	20 00
	Oxford station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. S. D. Crow.....	45 00
	Addison circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. Samuel Brown	116 28
	Columbia-st., Springfield, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. New- son	86 10
	Troy station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. S. F. Conrey.....	74 47
	Buckeye-st. German station, by Rev. C. Gahn.....	20 00
	Christie Chapel S. S. Miss. Soc., by J. Faulkner.....	269 47
	Xenia station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. G. Moody.....	249 00
	Park-st. station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. R. O. Spencer...	75 00
	Christie Chapel station, Cincinnati Conference, by J. Dubois, of which \$500 is from John Pfaff, in a draft due February 1, 1857	790 60
	Returned unused from North Ohio German District, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. Rothweiler.....	91 50
	Part of bequest of C. Freidel, late of Detroit, Mich., by Rev. J. Rothweiler.....	23 50
	New Carlisle circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. W. Webster	107 70
	Mount Auburn station, Cincinnati Conference, by H. Strobbridge	78 63
	From a German, by Mr. Bruhl	1 00
	Miami circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. A. Murphy	118 83
	Hamilton station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. M. Smith.....	70 00
	Ninth-st., station, Cincinnati Conference, by J. A. Simpson	258 75
	Union Chapel, Cincinnati Conference, by C. E. Pierson	28 00
	Park-st. Sunday School, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. R. O. Spencer	97 73
	Morris Chapel S. S. Miss. Soc., Cincinnati Conference, by Dr. Comegys	140 00
	Ninth-st. S. S., Cincinnati Conference, by F. H. Marlay.....	193 31
Oct.	Ladies' Home Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by W. M'Cord ...	5 00
	Cincinnati Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. H. Suther- land, tr.....	7,608 45
	Fairfield circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. Botkin.....	118 15
	Cincinnati Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. H. Sutherland, tr.	110 16
	Unused on East Cincinnati District, Cincinnati Conference, re- turned by Rev. W. Herr	75 00
	Carr-st. City Mission, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. F. Loyd	1 00
	Rev. J. Gabler, by R. A. W. Bruhl	1 50
Nov.	Union Chapel, Cin., Cincinnati Conference, by C. E. Pierson.....	10 00
	Ferman Dugan, Goshen circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. D. Kemper	1 00
Dec.	A German sister at Captina German Mission, by Rev. H. Henke	5 00
	One quarter's assignment of ground-rent, by John Mears, deceased, ending December 14, 1856	99 00
	Red Lion and Springborough circuit, by Rev. W. Webster.....	25 85
	A German sister at Circleville, O., by Rev. J. A. Klein	1 00
	Martinsville Society, Clarksville circuit, by Rev. M. G. Perkhiser	1 00
	Rochester. do. do. do. do.....	1 00

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DELAWARE CONFERENCE.

1856.							
Sept.	Delaware Conference Auxiliary Missionary Society, by Rev. L. B. Gurley						
						\$1,355	00
Oct.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	1,500
Nov.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	349
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ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Month	Description	Amount
1856.		
Jan.	Paris station, part of collections of 1855, by Rev. W. Stevenson...	\$14 00
	For mission cause, by a German sister, by letter of Rev. C. Schuler.....	1 00
	Warsaw station, by Rev. V. Ridgely	10 00
	From a German, to pay part of mission debt, by Rev. H. Fiegenbaum	1 00
Mar.	Extra collection at Bloomington German Mission, by Rev. J. V. Balduff	3 25
	Peoria German Mission, of which \$3 is extra collection, by Rev. R. Feckenschner	10 00
	Extra col. at Peoria German Mission, by Rev. J. M. Winkler	1 09
	Extra collection at St. Charles German Mission, by Rev. H. Koch.....	28 00
	Extra col. at Springfield German Mission, by Rev. A. Klippel...	6 00
	Extra col. at German Mission, Burlington, Iowa, by Rev. H. F. Koenke.....	7 00
	For missions among the heathen, by a German sister, by Rev. H. F. Koenke	1 00
	Extra col. at Bloomington German Mission, by Rev. J. V. Balduff	1 00
	Extra col. at Burlington German Mission, by Rev. P. Hennes....	7 60
	Extra col. at Lexington German Mission, by Rev. J. G. Kost	1 00
	Extra col. at Warsaw German Mission, by Rev. G. Boeshenz.....	11 00
April.	Extra col. at Nashville German Mission, by Rev. H. Shultze	4 00
	Extra col. at Freeport German Mission, by Rev. H. Voshol.....	5 00
	From a German sister, at Freeport German Mission, by Rev. H. Voshol	2 00
	Carrollton circuit, Jacksonville District, by Rev. C. P. Baldwin....	103 00
	Extra col. at Kingston German Mission, by Rev. H. Ellerbeck....	4 00
	Extra col. at Petersburg German Mission, by Rev. C. Heidel...	4 00
	Extra col. at Peru German Mission, by Rev. C. Loeber	2 00
	Extra col. at Washington-st. German station, St. Louis, Mo., by Rev. C. Hollman	20 00
	Extra col. at Alton German Mission, by Rev. T. Heyer.....	11 50
	Extra col. at People's German Mission, by Rev. J. C. Hoech.....	6 00
	Extra col. at Dubuque German Mission, by Rev. F. Fiegenbaum	5 69
	Extra col. at Jefferson City German Mission, by Rev. C. Sternley	7 00
	Extra col. at Warrenton German Mission, by Rev. C. Koenke....	15 00
	Extra col. at Lexington German Mission, by Rev. J. G. Kost.....	1 00
	Extra col. at Beardstown German Mission, by Rev. D. Henne....	5 00
	Extra col. at Brunswick German Mission, by Rev. J. Maegley....	7 15
	Extra col. at Columbus-st. German Mission, by Rev. J. Hansam	6 00
	Marthasville German Mission, by Rev. J. Feisel.....	8 50
	Wales Mines, do. do. do. do.....	4 00
	Monroe German Mission, by Rev. H. Koenke.....	5 50
	Belleville do. do. do. do.....	6 10
	Independence and Westford German Mission, by Rev. W. Fiegenbaum	2 50
	From two Germans, by Rev. H. D. Schmidt.....	3 00
May.	Extra col. at Arenzville German Mission, by Rev. W. Zupann....	10 00
	Extra col. at Perry and Calhoun German Mission, by Rev. F. W. Niedermeyer	8 00

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1856.	Extra col. at Kingston German Mission, by Rev. P. Kuhl	\$3 65
May.	Extra col. at Florence German Mission, by Rev. H. Lahrman....	10 00
	By a German, by Rev. R. Havighorst.....	5 00
	Extra col. at St. Joseph's Mission, by Rev. R. Havighorst.	7 50
	Do. do. Oregon do. by Rev. G. Schaz.....	5 00
	Do. do. Weston do. by Rev. A. Holzbeierlein	5 00
	Extra col. at Vandalia German Mission, by Rev. P. Hehner.....	1 25
June.	Quincy station, by Rev. P. Kuhl.....	43 75
	Kingston circuit, by Rev. H. Ellerbeck.....	85 00
	Thurman, Mo., by Rev. W. Kleinschmidt.....	9 00
	St. Louis, Mo., by Rev. J. Hansam.....	1 10
	Warsaw, Ill., by Rev. G. Boeshinz.....	1 35
	Danville station, by Rev. O. S. Munsell.....	75 00
	Extra col. at Farmington German Mission, by Rev. A. F. Korf- hage	5 00
	By a German, at Pittsfield, Ill., by Rev. F. W. Niedermeyer	5 00
	From a German, by Rev. J. Walther.....	5 00
July.	Extra col. Union German Mission, by Rev. C. Bott	8 90
	Mrs. C. Roeber, of Ill.....	2 00
Aug.	Extra col. at Booneville German Mission, by Rev. W. Schoeck...	8 60
	For missions, by a German, by Rev. H. D. Schimdt.....	3 00
Oct.	Arenzville German circuit, extra col., by Rev. W. Zupann.....	2 00
	Illinois Conference Missionary Society, by Rev. C. D. James, tr...	7,354 27
Nov.	From a German, at Benton-st. German Mission, St. Louis, by Rev. J. Feisel.....	3 00
Dec.	Whitehall circuit, for 1855, by Rev. J. Lane	108 41
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INDIANA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	Patoka class, Princeton circuit, by Rev. G. W. Walker.....	\$10 00
	Lurton circuit, by Rev. A. W. Stryker	29 00
April.	Coryden circuit, to make Rev. J. H. Lard a life member of the Indiana Conference Auxiliary Missionary Society, by A. J. Crisp	5 00
June.	Salem station, by Rev. W. M. Hester.....	13 00
July.	Mt. Vernon circuit, by Rev. T. W. Jones.....	10 00
Aug.	Mt. Vernon circuit, by Rev. T. W. Jones	10 00
Sept.	Indiana Conf. Auxiliary Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. B. Hamilton, tr...	3,740 93
	Indiana Conf. collections, uncurrent funds given by Rev. J. La- ferty, to exchange.....	8 00
	Rev. Charles Gross, per letter	8 00
Nov.	From Rev. L. M. Hancock, to constitute Mrs. Elder, of Green Castle, Indiana, a life member of the Indiana Conference Aux- iliary Missionary Society	5 00
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IOWA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	For China Mission, from J., Quincy, Iowa.....	\$1 00
Nov.	Iowa Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. P. P. Ingalls, tr., by W. M. Doughty	2,331 72
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KANSAS AND NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Nov.	Wolf River Mission, by Rev. A. P. Young, by Rev. W. H. Goode	\$5 50

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

1856.			
Nov.	Marshall S. S., Marshall, by Rev. E. Holdstock	\$7 50	
	Buchanan circuit, for foreign missions, to constitute Miss E. B. Weston a life member of the Missionary Society, by Rev. J. T. Robe, per letter, W. M. Doughty	20 00	
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MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

1856.			
Mar.	From Rosana Clayton, of St. Louis county, Mo., by Rev. Thomas Golding, for foreign French missions	\$30 00	
Oct.	Missouri Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. A. D. West, tr.....	266 11	
	Part of appropriation of last year returned, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, Richland Mission	37 50	
	Part of appropriation of last year, returned by Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Pilot Knob Mission.....	25 00	
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			\$358 61

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

1856.			
Mar.	Middletown circuit, by Rev. B. Smith.....	\$15 00	
April.	Middletown circuit, by Rev. B. Smith.....	10 00	
June.	Hartford circuit, by Rev. B. F. Bowman.....	13 00	
	R. Burnes, by Rev. J. B. De Motte.....	40 00	
July.	Noblesville circuit, by Rev. J. H. Hull	17 50	
Sept.	North Indiana Conf. Auxiliary Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. C. White...	2,504 85	
Oct.	Rev. T. Comstock, \$37 50; and Rev. J. B. De Motte, \$2 50; to constitute Mrs. E. Comstock, and Mrs. P. T. F. De Motte, life members of the Parent Miss. Soc. of the M. E. Church	40 00	
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			\$2,640 35

NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

1856.			
Feb.	Wellington circuit, by Rev. C. L. Foote	\$1 75	
	Mt. Eaton circuit, to constitute Mrs. Margaret Deardorff a life member of the North Ohio Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. James Elliott.....	10 00	
Mar.	Westfield circuit, by John Shur	15 50	
May.	Greenwich station M. E. S. S., Huron county, O., by Rev. M. M. Burgess	2 00	
June.	North Ohio Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. Runnells.....	300 00	
	Wellington circuit, by Rev. C. L. Foote	20 00	
July.	Wellington circuit, by Rev. C. L. Foote.....	20 00	
	Wellington circuit, by Rev. C. L. Foote	25 00	
Sept.	North Ohio Conf. Auxiliary Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. Wheeler.....	6,094 85	
Oct.	Port Clinton, by Rev. J. McKean.....	3 70	
	Robert Quiggan, Newburgh, Cuyahoga county, O., letter.....	10 00	
	Bucyrus German Mission, by Rev. A. Wuensch.....	4 00	
	North Ohio Conf. Auxiliary Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. Wheeler	57 16	
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NORTHWESTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

1856.			
Feb.	Western Charge, Lafayette, by Rev. G. W. Crawford	\$50 00	
	Western Charge, Lafayette, by Rev. G. W. Crawford	59 00	
Mar.	Newport circuit, by Rev. A. Badley.....	20 00	

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1856.	Pine Village circuit, by Rev. D. Crawford	\$30 00
Sept.	Asbury station, Terre Haute, by Rev. W. Wilson	73 00
Oct.	Northwestern Indiana Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. C. Reed, tr....	2,628 98
	Rossville circuit, by Rev. L. Nebeker.....	10 00
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OHIO CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Refunded by Rev. J. Stewart, unused on Lancaster District, Ohio Conference.....	\$25 00
Feb.	For Indian missions, by Dr. James Cherrington, by Rev. W. S. Benner	5 00
	J. D., London, Ohio, per letter.....	3 00
April.	Part of appropriation to Lancaster District, Ohio Conference, returned by Rev. John Stewart	25 00
July.	Unused on Lancaster District, Ohio Conference, returned by Rev. John Stewart.....	25 00
Aug.	Second-st. station, Zanesville, Ohio, by Rev. J. A. Bruner	6 00
Sept.	Ohio Conference Auxiliary Missionary Society, by Rev. B. St. J. Fry, tr	10,465 71
	Washington circuit, Ohio Conference, by Rev. J. Morris.....	3 00
	Foster's Chapel, Sharonville circuit, Ohio Conference, by Rev. D. Smith	11 00
	Jasper Mission, Ohio Conference, by Rev. D. Smith.....	75
	Ohio Conference Auxiliary Missionary Society, by Rev. B. St. J. Fry, tr.....	197 24
Dec.	John J. Jones, Gallia circuit, Ohio Conference	10 00
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		\$10,776 70

PEORIA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Nov.	Peoria Conference Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. Borland, tr., \$2,926 33, less counterfeit, etc., \$8 30, per letter W. M. Doughty	\$2,918 03
Dec.	Henderson circuit, by Rev. L. P. Crouch.....	15 00
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ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	For missions, from a German, by Rev. C. Bernreuter.....	\$1 00
	Extra col. of the West Chicago German Mission, on account of the mission debt, by Rev. H. Senn.....	3 00
	Dubuque German Mission, by Rev. C. Wenz.....	3 00
Mar.	Donation for mission cause, by some German friend, to pay off the mission debt, by Rev. F. Fiegenbaum.....	2 00
	Extra col. at the German Mission, Laporte, Indiana, by Rev. J. M. Mulfinger.....	6 00
	Extra col. at Galena German station, by Rev. L. Kunz.....	20 00
	Extra col. at the German Mission, Milwaukee, Wis., by Rev. J. Haas.....	12 00
	Extra col. at the German Blue Island Mission, by Rev. F. Kopp	4 00
	Extra col. at Baraboo German Mission, by Rev. Thomas Miller	3 00
	Extra col. at Hazle Green German Mission, by Rev. P. Funk....	8 00
	Extra col. at Dubuque German Mission, by Rev. C. Wenz.....	0 45
	Extra col. at the German Mission, Platteville, Wis., by Rev. J. Brauer	6 35
	Extra col. at Michigan City German Mission, by Rev. H. Richter	2 00
	Extra col. at Wheeling German Mission, by Rev. L. Laass.....	5 50
April.	From a German on Hazle Green German Mission, to pay part of mission debt, by Rev. P. Funk	5 00

1856.	Extra col. at Watertown German Mission, by Rev. F. Merten....	\$8 00
April.	Extra col. at Baraboo German Mission, by Rev. T. Miller	1 00
	Extra col. at St. Paul's German Mission, by Rev. H. Roth	10 00
	Extra col. at German Creek German Mission, by Rev. Jacob Young	4 25
	From a German, by Rev. L. Kunz	5 00
	Rock River Conf. Miss. Soc., proceeds of jewelry, and uncurrent money sold, by Rev. F. A. Reed, tr.....	\$11 00
	Dr. J. Clark, Mt. Kulasiki, Ill., by letter	2 00
	E. P. Albee, Medina circuit, to constitute himself a life member of the Missionary Society, by Rev. G. Lovesee ..	10 00
	Mt. Morris, Rock River Conf., by Rev. D. L. Winslow....	10 00
	Van Buren-st. German Mission, Chicago, extra collection, by Rev. F. Schuler.....	6 00
	Waukegan and Kenosha German Mission, extra collection, by Rev. C. Kluckhohn	2 72
	Pekin German station, extra col., by Rev. C. Holl	9 46
	Manitowoc German Mission, extra col., by Rev. F. Kluckhohn	4 25
	All per letter W. M. Doughty.....	55 43
	Extra col. at Fond du Lac German Mission, by Rev. H. Withorn.	3 93
May.	Extra col. at Muscatine German Mission, by Rev. P. Helwig.....	3 00
June.	Extra col. at Red Wing German Mission, by Rev. G. Zollman....	6 00
	Extra col. at Monroe German Mission, by Rev. J. A. Salzer.....	3 00
	Extra col. at Cedar Lake German Mission, by Rev. C. Schuler....	4 00
	Extra col. at Rock River German Mission, by Rev. G. Timkin....	11 40
	Extra col. at East Troy German Mission, by Rev. J. Schaeffer	6 00
	By a German brother at Hazle Green German Mission, by Rev. P. H. Funk	5 00
July.	Extra col. at St. Peter's German Mission, by Rev. P. Schaefer....	3 00
Aug.	For mission debt, from a German, by Rev. J. Schaeffer	0 50
	For missions among the heathen, from a German, by Rev. F. Heinz.....	5 00
Sept.	From a German, by Rev. G. Siebrasse	1 00
Nov.	Crystal Lake circuit, from the estate of William Dietz, deceased, being the fourth installment of a bequest of \$500, by Rev. S. Geyer	\$100 00
	Sheboygan, Wis., German Mission, extra col., by Rev. W. Pfaffle.....	1 62
	Fort Atkinson German Mission, extra col., by Rev. C. Buchner	1 50
	Clayton and Yellow River German Mission, extra col., by Rev. F. Heinz	12 00
	Jefferson-st. station, Chicago, by Rev. J. F. Chaffee.....	100 02
	M'Henry circuit, by Rev. E. Brown.....	51 72
	Niles circuit, by Rev. T. Cochran.....	10 90
	Newark circuit, by Rev. D. Cassidy	106 00
	Chicago Mission, by Rev. S. Bolles.....	11 40
	Van Buren-st. German Mission, Chicago, by Rev. F. Schuler	94 00
	State-st. station, Chicago, by Rev. W. B. Slaughter.....	50 00
	Rock River Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. F. A. Read, tr., \$4,303 38; less counterfeit, etc., 14 60	4,288 78
	All per letter W. M. Doughty.....	4,827 94
Dec.	Clark-st. station, Chicago, by O. Lunt, Esq.....	1,000 00
	German sister on Cedar Lake Mission, by Rev. C. Schuler.....	2 00
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SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Feb.	Lawrenceburgh station, North Indiana German District, by Rev. J. Kisling.....	12 00

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1856.	Extra col. at Terre Haute German Mission, by Rev. P. B. Baker	\$4 00
Mar.	For mission cause, by a German friend, by Rev. J. H. Lukemeyer	2 00
	For mission cause, from a German, as extra donation, by Rev. H. Kolbe	1 00
	Extra col. at Defiance German Mission, by Rev. F. Ruf.....	10 00
	Extra col. at the New-Albany German Mission, by Rev. H. Lich	11 00
	Extra col. at Rockford German Mission, by Rev. G. F. Miller....	5 00
	Milford circuit, by Rev. L. Havens, of which \$20 is to constitute himself a life member of the Parent Miss. Soc.....	21 00
	Donation by a German sister, at Terre Haute, Ia., to pay part of mission debt, by Rev. P. B. Baker	5 00
	Extra col. at Mt. Vernon German Mission, by Rev. L. Muller	15 00
	Extra col. at the Pennsylvaniaburgh Ger. Miss., by Rev. F. A. Hoff	9 74
April.	Extra col. at Louisville German station, by Rev. C. Schelper.....	20 00
	Extra col. at Madison German Mission, by Rev. James Reimer.....	10 00
	Southeastern Indiana Conf. German Dist., by Rev. J. H. Barth	20 00
	Aurora German Mission, extra col., by Rev. F. Allert.....	9 20
	Extra col. at Booneville German Mission, by Rev. J. H. A. Fuss	12 40
	Extra col. at Evansville German Mission, by Rev. F. Becker.....	8 60
	Extra col. at Rockford German Mission, by Rev. G. F. Miller	5 00
	Extra col. at Cannelton German Mission, by Rev. M. Hohhans	5 00
	Extra col. at Palestine German Mission, by Rev. J. Ficken.....	3 00
	Extra col. at Rockford German Mission, by Rev. G. F. Miller.....	2 00
	Extra col. at Poland German Mission, by Rev. S. Strauch.....	2 35
May.	Extra col. at Auburn German Mission, by Rev. Jno. Schneider....	7 40
	Extra col. at Indianapolis German station, by Rev. Jno. Bier	10 00
June.	Extra col. S. E. Indiana German District, by Rev. H. Kolb.....	24 90
	Brookville circuit, by Rev. H. Wilke	5 50
	Charleston station, by Rev. H. Lukemeyer	5 00
	F. Weber.....	1 00
	Returned from Jeffersonville District, by Rev. J. A. Brauer.....	20 00
July.	A German brother's thank-offering, by Rev. F. Becker.....	10 00
Aug.	Lawrenceburgh station, by Rev. E. G. Wood.....	50 00
Sept.	For missions, from a German, by Rev. J. H. Koch	0 95
	Columbia circuit, by Rev. J. A. Lesourd	70 25
	Returned from Logansport Mission, North Indiana German District, by Rev. G. A. Brunig.....	82 50
Oct.	Southeastern Indiana Conf. Auxiliary Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. G. Chafee, tr.....	3,949 41
	Southeastern Indiana Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. G. Chafee, tr.	64 00
	From a sister at Indianapolis German Mission, by Rev. J. H. Lukemeyer	3 20
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		\$4,498 40

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

1856.		
April.	W. R., by letter.....	\$10 00
June.	Carlisle circuit, by Rev. J. Van Cleve.....	13 50
	Lebanon station, do.....	22 00
	Mrs. Goheen, Lebanon, Ill., do.....	2 00
	Pocahontas circuit, by Rev. T. A. Eaton.....	10 00
Oct.	Southern Illinois Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. H. Sears, tr.....	2,106 70
Nov.	Extra col. at Highland German Mission, by Rev. E. H. Kriege....	3 00
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		\$2,167 22

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Nov.	Upper Iowa Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. L. Taylor, tr., \$1,579 30; less counterfeit, etc., \$29 37.....	1,549 93
	Upper Iowa District, part of appropriation of last year not used, returned by Rev. H. S. Brunson,	100 00
	All per letter W. M. Doughty.....	
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		\$1,649 93

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

1856.

June.	Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society, by Rev. M. Tichnell, tr.....	\$2,314 24
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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

1856.

April.	Extra donation to pay part of mission debt, by a German at Pleasant Grove, Minnesota.....	2 00
	Montfort circuit, to constitute Bosman Clifton a life member of the Wisconsin Conf. Auxiliary Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. M. Osborne.....	11 00
	Capt. Cheyne, Milwaukie, for missions to Norway, by letter of W. M. Doughy	0 50
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		\$13 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

1856.

Oct.	Kentucky Conf. Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. F. Harrison, tr.....	\$135 11
	Returned from Green River District, by Rev. H. M. Curry.....	175 00
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		\$310 11

MISCELLANEOUS.

1856.

Jan.	N. Kribs, per letter.....	\$1 00
	P. Talbot, Frankfort, Ky., by letter.....	10 00
Feb.	J. Casper Kleinknecht, by letter	0 25
	From three Germans, to pay part of missionary debt.....	1 00
	By a German, extra on missionary debt.....	2 00
	For mission cause, by a German, to pay part of mission debt.....	1 00
	For missions, from a German.....	1 00
	For mission cause, on account of the mission debt, by a German.....	1 00
Mar.	Proceeds of Dividend Scrip, issued in June and December, 1855, on stock in Little Miami Railroad.....	195 50
	Extra donation, by a German.....	0 50
	For mission cause, to pay part of mission debt, by a German.....	1 00
April.	Extra donation, to pay part of mission debt, by a German.....	1 00
	J. N. Hurst, per letter.....	0 10
	To pay part of a mission debt, by a German at Greensburgh, Ky.....	5 00
	From a German, by Rev. H. Richter	0 25
	By a German, to pay part of mission debt.....	1 00
May.	Mrs. Ellen Corlett, by Robert Tuiggan.....	20 00
	For mission cause, by a German.....	1 00
June.	Extra donation, to pay part of mission debt, by a German.....	2 00
	For missions, by a German at Louisville, Ky.....	1 00
July.	From a German, by Rev. H. Rottcher.....	0 50
	Part of dividend of C. H. & D. Railroad on stock.....	16 00
	For missions, by P. Talbot.....	10 00
	For missions, by a German.....	0 51
	For German domestic missions, by C. G. Wheeler.....	1 00
Aug.	A friend to missions.....	20 00
Sept.	From some Germans at Ellenville, New-York, by H. Doeny.....	13 00
Oct.	Rev. W. J. Thompson, by letter.....	5 00
	Proceeds of rings from various parties.....	6 50
	For missions, by a German sister.....	1 70

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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Dividend No. 7 of Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad, on		
Nov.	25 shares of stock.....	87 50
Dec.	George Lebold	2 00
	Elain Frost, Columbus, Adams county, Ill., by letter.....	100 00
	J. H. Story, by letter.....	0 50
		<hr/> \$509 81

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference	\$281 50
Cincinnati do.	14,362 80
Ohio do.	10,776 70
S. E. Indiana do.	4,498 40
N. W. Indiana do.	2,870 98
Southern Illinois do.	2,167 22
Indiana do.	3,838 93
Rock River do.	6,047 75
Illinois do.	8,116 66
North Ohio do.	6,563 96
North Indiana do.	2,640 35
Michigan do.	27 50
Kentucky do.	310 11
West. Virginia do.	2,314 24
Missouri do.	358 61
Iowa do.	2,332 72
Peoria do.	2,933 03
Upper Iowa do.	1,649 93
Delaware do.	3,204 00
Kansas and Nebraska Conference.....	5 50
Wisconsin Conference	13 50
Miscellaneous	509 81
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Dr.—To CASH PAID FOR SUNDRIES, viz.:

LIST OF MISSIONARY DRAFTS PAID BY L. SWORMSTEDT,

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

During the year 1856.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

1856.

Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of James Harer.....	\$162 50
Do. do. do. do.	162 50
Do. do. do. do.	162 50
Do. do. do. do.	162 50
Do. do. do. M. Robertson.....	200 00
Do. do. do. do.	200 00
Do. do. do. do.	200 00
Do. do. do. do.	200 00
Do. do. do. A. Bewley.....	168 75
Do. do. do. do.	168 75
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Do. do. do. do.	168 75
Do. do. do. M. M. Peugh.....	125 00
Do. do. do. do.	125 00
Do. do. do. do.	125 00
Do. do. do. do.	125 00
Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of A. Bewley.....	143 75
Do. do. do. J. Harer	175 00

\$2,943 75

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1856.

Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of J. Rothweiler.....	\$712 50
Do. do. do. do.	712 50
Do. do. do. do.	712 50
Do. do. do. William Ahrens.....	838 75
Do. do. do. do.	838 75
Do. do. do. do.	838 75
Do. do. do. N. Callender.....	785 00
Do. do. do. do.	785 00
Do. do. do. do.	785 00
Do. do. do. J. A. Klein.....	388 75
Do. do. do. do.	388 75
Do. do. do. do.	388 75
Do. do. do. M. Marlay.....	100 00
Do. do. do. do.	100 00
Do. do. do. do.	100 00
Do. do. do. David Reed.....	125 00
Do. do. do. do.	125 00
Do. do. do. do.	125 00
Do. do. do. W. Herr.....	137 50
Do. do. do. do.	137 50
Do. do. do. do.	137 50
Do. do. do. W. Simmons.....	75 00
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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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1856.	Paid	Bishop Ames's draft in favor of	M. Marlay.....	\$112 50
	Do.	do.	W. Simmons.....	75 00
	Do.	do.	D. Reed.....	100 00
	Do.	do.	W. Herr.....	62 50
	Do.	do.	W. Young.....	100 00
	Do.	do.	J. A. Klein.....	480 00
	Do.	do.	N. Callender.....	718 75
	Do.	do.	P. Schneider.....	950 00
	Do.	do.	Jacob Rothweiler.....	751 25
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				\$12,912 50

DELAWARE CONFERENCE.

1856.	WELLSVILLE CONFERENCE.				
	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of W. J. Wells.....				\$15 00
	Do.	do.	do.	D. Gray	131 25
	Do.	do.	do.	J. S. Kalb.....	20 00
	Do.	do.	do.	do.	20 00
	Do.	do.	do.	do.	20 00
	Do.	do.	do.	E. C. Gavit.....	71 25
	Do.	do.	do.	W. J. Wells.....	15 00
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					\$292 50

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of P. Cartwright.....			\$50 00
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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1856.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of	R. C. Norton.....	\$50 00
	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	Jacob Feisel.....	371 25
	Do.	do. George Boeshenz.....	463 75
	Do.	do. John Hansam.....	508 75
	Do.	do. Philip Kuhl.....	443 75
	Do.	do. J. L. Crane.....	31 25
	Do.	do. J. C. Kimber.....	37 50
	Do.	do. P. Cartwright.....	37 50
	Do.	do. R. W. Travis.....	112 50
	Do.	do. Samuel Elliott	106 25
	Do.	do. R. E. Guthrie.....	50 00
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			\$8,650 00

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	W. C. Smith	\$50 00
	Do.	do. do.	50 00
	Do.	do. do.	50 00
	Do.	do. do. H. Hays	22 50
	Do.	do. do. do.	22 50
	Do.	do. do. do.	22 50
	Do.	do. do. H. S. Talbot	18 75
	Do.	do. do. do.	18 75
	Do.	do. do. do.	18 75
	Do.	do. do. B. F. Crary.....	50 00
	Do.	do. do. do.	50 00
	Do.	do. do. James Hill.....	27 50
	Do.	do. do. do.	27 50
	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of	J. H. Noble.....	13 75
	Do.	do. do. C. B. Davidson.....	55 00
	Do.	do. do. W. C. Smith.....	50 00
	Do.	do. do. Jno. Kiger.....	11 25
	Do.	do. do. H. S. Talbott.....	28 00
	Do.	do. do. do.	28 75
	Do.	do. do. J. H. Noble	13 75
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			\$629 25

IOWA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	William Simpson.....	\$32 50
	Do.	do. do.	32 50
	Do.	do. do. do.	32 50
	Do.	do. do. E. Lathrop.....	68 25
	Do.	do. do. do.	68 75
	Do.	do. do. do.	68 75
	Do.	do. do. H. S. Brunson.....	202 50
	Do.	do. do. do.	202 50
	Do.	do. do. do.	202 50
	Do.	do. do. A. Young.....	82 50
	Do.	do. do. do.	82 50
	Do.	do. do. do.	82 50
	Do.	do. do. W. H. Goode.....	600 00
	Do.	do. do. do.	600 00
	Do.	do. do. do.	600 00
	Do.	do. do. J. B. Hardy.....	15 00
	Do.	do. do. do.	15 00
	Do.	do. do. D. Worthington.....	100 00
	Do.	do. do. do.	100 00
	Do.	do. do. do.	100 00
	Do.	do. do. M. F. Shinn.....	203 75

Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of M. F. Shinn.....	\$203 75
Do. do. do. do.	203 75
Do. do. do. A. Coleman.....	70 00
Do. do. do. do.	70 00
Do. do. do. do.	70 00
Do. do. do. J. M'Dowell	50 00
Do. do. do. do.	50 00
Do. do. do. do.	50 00
Do. do. do. J. G. Dimmitt.....	31 25
Do. do. do. do.	31 25
Do. do. do. do.	31 25
Do. do. do. John Hayden.....	68 75
Do. do. do. do.	68 75
Do. do. do. do.	68 75
Do. do. do. J. Q. Hammond.....	62 50
Do. do. do. do.	62 50
Do. do. do. do.	62 50
Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of P. P. Ingalls.....	50 00
Do. do. do. J. J. Hedstrom	162 50
Do. do. do. J. B. Hardy.....	40 00
Do. do. do. John Guylee.....	177 50
Do. do. do. J. Q. Hammond.....	12 50
Do. do. do. W. Simpson.....	37 50
Do. do. do. do.	37 50
Do. do. do. J. B. Hardy.....	15 00
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\$5,279 50	

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

1856.

Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of A. Still.....	\$275 00
Do. do. do. do.	512 50
Do. do. do. L. B. Dennis.....	662 50
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\$1,450 00	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

1856.

Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of W. H. Black.....	\$100 00
Do. do. do. do.	100 00
Do. do. do. do.	100 00
Do. do. do. H. M. Curry.....	237 50
Do. do. do. do.	237 50
Do. do. do. do.	237 50
Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of W. H. Black	75 00
Do. do. do. do.	75 00
Do. do. do. D. Chipman.....	250 00
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\$1,412 50	

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

1856.

Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of L. B. Dennis.....	\$612 50
Do. do. do. do.	612 50
Do. do. do. do.	612 50
Do. do. do. A. Still.....	387 50
Do. do. do. do.	387 50
Do. do. do. R. J. Wilson.....	237 50
Do. do. do. do.	237 50
Do. do. do. do.	237 50
Do. do. do. J. H. Hopkins.....	293 75
Do. do. do. do.	293 75
Do. do. do. do.	293 75

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1855.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of J. M. Chivington.....	\$275 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	275 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	275 00
Do.	do. do. do. B. F. Northcott	206 25
Do.	do. do. do. do.	206 25
Do.	do. do. do. do.	206 25
Do.	do. do. do. A. Still.....	387 50
	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of J. H. Hopkins	268 75
Do.	do. do. do. James Witten.....	162 50
Do.	do. do. do. R. J. Wilson.....	193 75
Do.	do. do. do. J. James	156 25
Do.	do. do. do. B. F. Wilson.....	218 75
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		\$7,037 50

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of J. Colclazer.....	\$41 25
Do.	do. do. do. do.	41 25
Do.	do. do. do. do.	41 25
Do.	do. do. do. J. H. Hull.....	17 50
Do.	do. do. do. do.	17 50
Do.	do. do. do. S. Lamb.....	22 50
Do.	do. do. do. do.	22 50
Do.	do. do. do. C. W. Miller.....	32 50
Do.	do. do. do. do.	32 50
Do.	do. do. do. C. Nutt.....	46 25
Do.	do. do. do. do.	46 25
Do.	do. do. do. J. B. De Motte.....	35 00
	Paid Bishop Baker's draft in favor of J. Colclazer.....	35 00
Do.	do. do. do. C. W. Miller.....	50 00
Do.	do. do. do. C. Nutt.....	55 00
Do.	do. do. do. J. B. De Motte.....	37 50
Do.	do. do. do. do.	37 50
Do.	do. do. do. S. Lamb	50 00
Do.	do. do. do. D. F. Stright.....	22 50
Do.	do. do. do. S. Lamb.....	50 00
Do.	do. do. do. C. W. Miller.....	50 00
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		\$783 75

NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of J. T. Kellam	\$50 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	50 00
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Do.	do. do. do. do.	50 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	50 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	50 00
Do.	do. do. do. W. C. Pierce.....	15 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	15 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	15 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	15 00
Do.	do. do. do. L. Prentice	70 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	70 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	70 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	75 00
Do.	do. do. do. W. J. Wells.....	45 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	45 00
Do.	do. do. do. D. Gray	115 00
Do.	do. do. do. do.	115 00
Do.	do. do. do. H. M. Shaffer	55 00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of H. M. Schaffer.....	\$55 00
	Do. do. do. W. C. Pierce.....	37 50
	Do. do. do. do.	37 50
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		\$1,150 00

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of B. Winans.....	\$25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. James Johnson	37 50
	Do. do. do. do.	37 50
	Do. do. do. do.	37 50
	Do. do. do. J. L. Smith.....	68 75
	Do. do. do. do.	68 75
	Do. do. do. Aaron Woode.....	37 50
	Do. do. do. do.	37 50
	Do. do. do. T. S. Webb.....	56 25
	Do. do. do. do.	56 25
	Do. do. do. do.	56 25
	Paid Bishop James's draft in favor of J. Johnson.....	43 75
	Do. do. do. T. S. Webb.....	68 75
	Do. do. do. W. F. Wheeler.....	100 00
	Do. do. do. B. Winans.....	50 00
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		\$831 25

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Morris's draft in favor of John W. Clarke.....	\$25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. Z. Connell.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. J. L. Grover.....	50 00
	Do. do. do. do.	50 00
	Do. do. do. do.	50 00
	Do. do. do. N. Westerman.....	31 25
	Do. do. do. do.	31 25
	Do. do. do. do.	31 25
	Do. do. do. E. M. Boring.....	50 00
	Do. do. do. do.	50 00
	Do. do. do. A. Carroll.....	200 00
	Do. do. do. do.	200 00
	Paid Bishop Ames's draft in favor of do.	187 50
	Do. do. do. J. W. Clarke... ..	25 00
	Do. do. do. J. M. Trimble.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. Z. Connell	25 00
	Do. do. do. John Stewart.....	31 25
	Do. do. do. Z. Connell.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. A. Carroll.....	187 50
	Do. do. do. J. M. Trimble	25 00
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		\$1,450 00

PEORIA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop James's draft in favor of Richard Haney	\$87 50
	Do. do. do. R. N. Morse.....	50 00

1856.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of	Z Hall.....	\$37 50	
	Do.	do.	John Morey.....	31 25
	Do.	do.	do.	31 25
	Do.	do.	Z. Hall.....	37 50
	Do.	do.	John Luccock.....	43 75
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				\$318 75

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

1856.

Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of	H. Summers.....	\$25 00		
Do.	do.	do.	do.	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	John Morey.....	37 50
Do.	do.	do.	do.	37 50
Do.	do.	do.	do.	37 50
Do.	do.	do.	G. L. S. Stuff.....	50 00
Do.	do.	do.	L. Hitchcock.....	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	J. Luccock.....	75 00
Do.	do.	do.	R. Haney.....	50 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	50 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	50 00
Do.	do.	do.	J. W. Flowers.....	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	O. A. Walker.....	50 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	50 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	50 00
Do.	do.	do.	J. W. Agard.....	300 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	300 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	300 00
Do.	do.	do.	R. N. Morse.....	337 50
Do.	do.	do.	do.	337 50
Do.	do.	do.	do.	337 50
Do.	do.	do.	H. Feigenbaum.....	675 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	675 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	675 00
Do.	do.	do.	G. L. Mulfinger.....	747 50
Do.	do.	do.	do.	747 50
Do.	do.	do.	do.	747 50
Do.	do.	do.	John Plank.....	715 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	715 00
Do.	do.	do.	do.	715 00
Do.	do.	do.	H. Summers.....	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	G. L. S. Stuff.....	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	J. J. Hedstrom.....	625 00
Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of	J. W. Agard.....	37 50		
Do.	do.	do.	L. Hitchcock	75 00
Do.	do.	do.	C. C. Best.....	37 50
Do.	do.	do.	O. A. Walker.....	50 00
Do.	do.	do.	G. L. Mulfinger.....	463 75
Do.	do.	do.	G. L. S. Stuff.....	37 50
Do.	do.	do.	John Plank.....	621 25
Do.	do.	do.	Jacob Haas.....	402 50
Do.	do.	do.	E. H. Gammon	25 00
Do.	do.	do.	Josiah Gibson.....	37 50
Do.	do.	do.	John Plank.....	621 25
Do.	do.	do.	C. C. Best.....	37 50
Do.	do.	do.	G. L. Mulfinger	463 75
Do.	do.	do.	Jacob Haas.....	402 50
Do.	do.	do.	J. W. Agard.....	37 50

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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1856.	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of O. A. Walker.....	\$50 00
	Do. do. do. G. L. S. Stuff.....	37 50
		<hr/> \$13,175 00

SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Scott's draft in favor of T. H. Lynch.....	\$18 75
	Do. do. do. do.	18 75
	Do. do. do. do.	18 75
	Do. do. do. F. C. Holliday.....	47 50
	Do. do. do. do.	47 50
	Do. do. do. do.	47 50
	Do. do. do. J. A. Brouse	68 75
	Do. do. do. do.	68 75
	Do. do. do. do.	68 75
	Do. do. do. J. H. Barth.....	502 50
	Do. do. do. do.	502 50
	Do. do. do. do.	502 50
	Do. do. do. G. A. Breunig.....	747 50
	Do. do. do. do.	747 50
	Do. do. do. do.	747 50
	Paid Bishop Waugh's draft in favor of T. H. Lynch.....	6 25
	Do. do. do. G. C. Smith.....	18 75
	Do. do. do. J. H. Barth.....	456 25
	Do. do. do. G. A. Breunig	658 75
	Do. do. do. A. Robinson.....	68 75
	Do. do. do. G. A. Breunig.....	658 75
	Do. do. do. A. Robinson.....	68 75
		<hr/> \$6,091 25

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop Janes's draft in favor of J. I. Richardson.....	\$62 50
	Do. do. do. do.	62 50
	Do. do. do. do.	62 50
	Do. do. do. J. H. Hill.....	50 00
	Do. do. do. do.	50 00
	Do. do. do. John Van Cleve.....	37 50
	Do. do. do. do.	37 50
	Do. do. do. W. Cliffe.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. J. B. Corrington.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. do.	25 00
	Do. do. do. E. Joy.....	137 50
	Do. do. do. do.	137 50
	Paid Bishop Simpson's draft in favor of J. A. Robinson.....	45 00
	Do. do. do. W. Cliffe	50 00
	Do. do. do. N. Allyn.....	100 00
	Do. do. do. J. B. Corrington.....	75 00
	Do. do. do. G. W. Robbins.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. J. Van Cleve.....	37 50
	Do. do. do. R. J. Noll.....	25 00
	Do. do. do. G. W. Robbins.....	25 00
	Bo. do. do. N. Allyn.....	100 00
	Do. do. do. J. B. Corrington	75 00
		<hr/> \$1,320 00

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop	Janes's draft	in favor of	Landon Taylor.....	\$93 75
	Do.	do.	do.	J. C. Ayres.....	12 50
	Do.	do.	do.	Andrew Coleman.....	47 50
	Do.	do.	do.	J. M. Rankin.....	73 75
	Do.	do.	do.	H. W. Reed.....	18 75
	Do.	do.	do.	H. Feigenbaum.....	262 50
	Do.	do.	do.	Henry Roth.....	500 00
	Do.	do.	do.	J. T. Coleman.....	60 00
	Do.	do.	do.	H. S. Brunson.....	81 25
	Do.	do.	do.	H. Feigenbaum.....	112 50
	Do.	do.	do.	H. S. Brunson.....	81 25
	Do.	do.	do.	J. C. Ayres.....	12 50
	Do.	do.	do.	H. W. Reed.....	18 75
	Do.	do.	do.	J. M. Rankin.....	73 75
	Do.	do.	do.	Henry Roth.....	500 00
	Do.	do.	do.	Henry Feigenbaum.....	375 00
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					\$2,323 75

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

1856.	Paid Bishop	Morris's draft	in favor of	J. L. Clarke.....	\$97 50
	Do.	do.	do.	J. W. Reger.....	128 75
	Do.	do.	do.	W. Lynch.....	45 00
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Battelle.....	68 75
	Do.	do.	do.	J. L. Irwin.....	166 25
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Martin.....	56 25
	Paid Bishop	Ames's draft	in favor of	G. Battelle.....	130 00
	Do.	do.	do.	M. Tichenell.....	90 00
	Do.	do.	do.	J. W. Reger.....	255 00
	Do.	do.	do.	J. L. Clarke.....	383 00
	Do.	do.	do.	A. J. Lyda.....	265 00
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Martin.....	127 50
	Do.	do.	do.	A. J. Lyda.....	132 50
	Do.	do.	do.	J. L. Clarke.....	191 50
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Battelle.....	65 00
	Do.	do.	do.	Moses Tichenell.....	45 00
	Do.	do.	do.	G. Martin.....	63 75
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					\$2,310 75

RECAPITULATION OF DRAFTS BY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.....	\$2,943 75
Cincinnati do.....	12,912 50
Delaware do.....	292 50
Illinois do.....	8,650 00
Indiana do.....	629 25
Iowa do.....	5,279 50
Kentucky do.....	1,412 50
Missouri do.....	7,037 50
North Indiana do.....	783 75
North Ohio do.....	1,150 00
N. W. Indiana do.....	831 25
Ohio do.....	1,450 00
Rock River do.....	1,3175 00
S. E. Indiana do.....	6,091 25
Southern Illinois do.....	1,320 00
West'rn Virginia do.....	2,310 75
Peoria do.....	318 75
Upper Iowa do.....	2,323 75
Kansas and Nebraska Conference.....	1,450 00

\$70,362 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

1856.		
Mar.	Discount on Kenawha funds.....	0 50
May.	Freight on Reports from N. Y.....	2 70
June.	J. F. Wright's expenses to Indianapolis on business for the society	3 75
	Counterfeit note received at W. Va.....	1 00
July.	Freight on Reports sent to Chicago.....	4 50
	Refunded F. Allert for counterfeit money for which he paid in good funds.....	2 00
	Discount on Connersville money.....	2 40
	Express charges on package to Western Virginia.....	0 50
Aug.	Express charges on blank drafts sent to Bishop Janes.....	0 25
Sept.	Discount uncurrent funds at Ohio \$9; and freight on Reports, \$1 25	10 25
	Discount and counterfeit at Iowa, \$67 87; and freight on Re- ports, \$1 20.....	69 07
	Discount and counterfeit at Southeastern Indiana, \$18 72; and freight on Reports, \$1.....	19 72
	Discount uncurrent funds sold.....	0 40
	Discount and counterfeit at North Ohio and Delaware, \$20 26; freight on Reports, \$2 30.....	22 56
	Worthless funds at North Indiana, \$2; freight on missionary goods, \$1 03.....	3 03
	Discount and counterfeit at North Indiana, \$46 75; freight on Reports, 88c.....	47 63
Oct.	Freight on Reports, etc., to Cincinnati Conference.....	1 30
	Discount for collecting drafts on Delaware, O.....	1 00
	Discount and counterfeit at South Illinois, \$47 75; and freight on Reports, \$2 25.....	50 04
	Discount and counterfeit at Northwestern Indiana, \$21 78; freight on Reports, 1 50.....	23 28
	Discount and counterfeit funds at Illinois.....	51 46
	Discount on uncurrent funds, \$2; freight on Reports to Mo., \$2... Boxes with Reports and certificates sent to Western conferences	4 00
	Counterfeit at Illinois, \$12; and freight on Reports, \$5.....	12 70
	F. E. Jones, for printing 1101 conference certificates.....	17 00
	Do. do. do. 1396 do. do.	88 08
	Do. do. do. 1396 do. do.	111 68
	Clerk hire for year ending November 30, 1856.....	150 00
	Postage from March 30, 1855, to November 30, 1856.....	66 67
	Books, stationery, etc.....	83 33
	One hundred and ninety-five Missionary Advocates sent out from Chicago.....	21 65
	W. M. Doughty, services for one year to date.....	50 00
Nov.	Dr. Durbin's draft on account of traveling expenses.....	50 00
	T. Carlton's draft on assistant tr., by order of the Board of Mana- gers.....	20,000 00
	Premium on Eastern funds bought to pay drafts of T. Carlton, drawn with exchange.....	125 00
	Sundry drafts paid during the year as per annexed list.....	70,362 00
	Net cash balance taken to new account.....\$18,586 60	
	Balance in stocks and unavailable funds.....	7,470 00 26,056 60
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		\$117,516 05

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1856.	Balance of account rendered in cash	\$34,221 85
	In stock and unavailable funds.....	7,470 00 41,691 85
	Donations received from sundries as per annexed list.....	75,824 20
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		\$117,516 05
	Balance on hand January 1, 1857, in cash.....	18,586 60
	In stock and unavailable funds.....	7,470 00
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	Cincinnati, Jan. 1, 1857.	\$26,056 60

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES.

Conferences.	Rec'd by Treas.	Rec'd by Ass. Treas.
Arkansas.....		\$281 50
Baltimore	\$18,941 71	
Black River	2,813 84	
California	290 10	
Cincinnati.....		14,362 80
Detroit.....	2,021 44	
Delaware.....		3,204 00
East Genesee	3,506 17	
East Maine.....	1,136 75	
Erie.....	5,516 48	
Genesee	2,727 72	
Illinois.....		8,116 66
Indiana		3,838 93
Iowa		2,332 72
Kansas and Nebraska.....		5 50
Kentucky		310 11
Maine	1,960 94	
Michigan	1,440 02	27 50
Minnesota.....	393 71	
Missouri		358 61
New-England.....	7,465 34	
New-Hampshire	2,312 47	
New-Jersey	9,294 74	
New-York	9,962 04	
N. Y. East	8,864 42	
North Indiana.....		2,640 35
North Ohio.....		6,563 96
Northwestern Indiana.....		2,870 98
Ohio		10,776 70
Oneida	3,448 83	
Oregon	1,375 00	
Philadelphia.....	16,116 25	
Pittsburgh.....	8,138 58	
Providence.....	4,343 00	
Peoria.....		2,933 03
Rock River		6,047 75
Southeastern Indiana		4,498 40
Southern Illinois		2,167 22
Troy	7,530 52	
Upper Iowa.....		1,649 9
Vermont.....	770 20	
Western Virginia.....		2,314 24
West Wisconsin.....	1,041 38	
Wisconsin.....	1,607 13	13 50
Wyoming	2,153 61	
Legacies	7,784 81	
Miscellaneous.....		509 81
Sundry Receipts	29,660 52	
	<u>\$162,617 72</u>	<u>\$75,824 20</u>

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Balance, Treasury in debt at New-York, Jan. 1, 1856.....	\$5,771 69
Disbursements for 1856.....	183,723 04
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	\$189,494 73
Receipts in 1856	162,617 72
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Balance, Treasury in debt at New-York, Jan. 1, 1857.....	\$26,877 01
Balance in hand by Ass't Treas. at Cin., Jan. 1, 1856...	\$41,691 85
Receipts in 1856.....	75,824 20
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	\$117,516 05
Disbursements in 1856.....	91,459 45
Balance in Treasury at Cincinnati.....	<hr/>
	26,056 60
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Balance, Treasury in debt.....	\$820 41

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, the subscribers, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year ending Jan. 1, 1857, find them correct, as per vouchers laid before us.

J. BENJAMIN EDWARDS,
WILLIAM A. COX.

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
Various other particulars might be added, according to the circumstances of the case. Grants are often delayed for want of full information respecting some important points overlooked by the applicants.

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The receipt of books from the Union ought always to be acknowledged. Statements respecting their usefulness should also be made to the Union in due time.

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“I give unto the Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, established in the city of New-York, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty, the sum of _____ dollars, for the purposes of said Union, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge.”

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OUR ANNIVERSARY.

THE General Anniversary of our Sunday-School Union for 1856 was held, for the first time, in the City of Philadelphia, under the direction of a joint Committee of Arrangements, of which *five* members were chosen by the Board of Managers and *fifteen* by the Preachers' Meeting at Philadelphia. It was composed as follows :

Appointed by the Board : Rev. D. WISE, Messrs. W. TRUSLOW, M. F. ODELL, JOHN COOK, JAMES DAVIS.

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SABBATH MORNING SERVICES.

The services commenced on Sabbath morning, October 19th, when sermons were preached in upward of thirty churches. Collections for the "*Union*" were taken in most of these churches, amounting in the aggregate to more than \$700. Several of the churches had already taken their collections ; a few others were to take them subsequently. It is therefore highly probable that Philadelphia will contribute a *thousand dollars* this conference year to the funds of the Union.

CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

In the afternoon very large meetings of children and teachers were held in the following churches : UNION, ST. GEORGE, FIFTH-STREET, SANCTUARY, TWELFTH-STREET, NEW-MARKET-STREET, KENSINGTON, NAZARETH, COHOCKSINK, SALEM, ASBURY, ST. PAUL'S, WHARTON-STREET, and EBENEZER.

Probably not less than from fifteen to twenty thousand persons were present at these gatherings of the little ones. The addresses were by

preachers and laymen. Judging from the reports made at the conference meeting on Monday, they were seasons of enthusiastic interest and gracious influences. The Lord met with the children and blessed them.

CONFERENCE MEETING IN THE UNION CHURCH.

On Monday, a Sabbath-school conference meeting was held at Union Church, the Corresponding Secretary of the Union in the chair. Reports of the meetings and collections were followed by several very spirited, very apposite, very touching, impromptu addresses. We print them as reported by Dr. STRICKLAND in the *Christian Advocate and Journal*.

The exercises were opened by singing the 712th hymn :

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love," etc.

Bishop WAUGH was invited to the platform, and Rev. D. WISE, Corresponding Secretary of the Union, took the chair. Rev. Dr. HODGSON offered a most impressive prayer to the throne of the heavenly grace; after which, on motion of Rev. P. COOMBE, Dr. STRICKLAND and Rev. T. C. MURPHY, of Philadelphia, were appointed secretaries.

After the reports had been made, by the several pastors, of the sermons and addresses in their churches, on Sabbath, an opportunity was given to the friends of the Sabbath school to make impromptu addresses, persons from abroad being invited first to speak.

Mr. FISK, of Coldwater, Michigan, rose, and remarked that he was with them because he deeply loved the enterprise in which they were engaged. He had attended the meeting, that he might participate in its exercises, so far, at least, as to partake of its spirit, and bear a live coal from off the altar of the great Sabbath-school cause to the great Northwest, where he belonged. His region of country was the marvel of the world. It had been transformed from a wilderness to a fruitful field, and from the rude habits of the Indians to a refined society, taking rank among the most enlightened portions of the older states. Even in his own memory he had seen stately spires shoot up where once curled the smoke of the wigwam, and the blazed path, or Indian trail, give place to the iron track of the locomotive. Religion had been the pillar of cloud by day, and of fire by night, that had led them on in this progress. He said there were many youth in the vast West who were growing up in heathenism; that in the peninsula of Michigan alone there were *one hundred thousand* children who never enter a Sabbath school. The destitution of the country is such that they had not the means to establish schools, and, under such

circumstances, they turned hopefully to the Union for assistance. He had seen its practical workings. He had seen the benefactions of the Union result in the formation of a Sunday school, then a class, or society of Church members, and finally the erection of a church, and a thriving membership. In the day when God shall make up his jewels, the benefactors of this cause will realize the grand results. He closed by pledging twenty-five thousand Methodist hearts to the support of the cause, and hoped the time would come when, as a nation, we should move in a crusade against error and sin.

Mr. ODELL, of Brooklyn, next addressed the meeting, and in a most felicitous manner, as a member of the Board of Managers of the Union, and member of the Committee of Arrangements, he expressed the obligations, and tendered the acknowledgments of the Union to the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements in Philadelphia, and his colleagues, for the hearty response they had received from them to hold the present anniversary in that city. He had heard from them before, but until then he had not enjoyed the pleasure of their acquaintance, and was happy to say that, for their efficiency, promptness, and liberal-minded zeal, they deserved all praise. He remarked that it was the policy of the Union to hold these anniversaries at different places, and go round from city to city. To him they were seasons of unusual interest, and they never failed to gladden his heart, and quicken him to increased activity in the noblest of causes in which the Church could engage. He felt happy in being permitted to be present, and participate in the exercises of the occasion. To his soul these meetings were jubilees, which he cherished with fond remembrance. The Sabbath school found him a small boy in the City of New-York, embraced him in its benevolent arms, carried, instructed, and guided him along the journey of life. All he had of bounty and blessing he traced to the Sabbath school. In it were garnered up the precious things of life, and all he hoped for of happiness in coming years clustered around the Sabbath school. In that delightful place the happiest hours of his life had been spent. Surrounded by six hundred children, from Sabbath to Sabbath, he found a happiness the proudest position on earth could not impart, and while he lived he expected to be engaged in that work. But, after a life of labor is spent there, he did not expect to pay the debt he owed to this Heaven-ordained agency. He thought that the disposition which prevailed in the Church to put too far off the conversion of children thrown within her influence was disastrous, and should be corrected; and that earnest prayer should be made for their immediate conversion. In the Sabbath school with which he was connected there were over one hundred members of the Church who had been converted in early life; and having watched their deportment, he believed that con-

version was sound, and what was truly gratifying, they still continue to sustain a relation to the school. He closed by relating a touching incident connected with the death of a young lady who had been connected with the Sunday school. He had gone to her funeral, and as he stood by the side of an old brother, whose life had been spent in the school of which the young lady had been a member, and gazed upon the smile the vanished spirit left upon her face, the venerable man remarked, "Another of our school is gone to the spirit-land."

Rev. Mr. TORRENCE, the Bible agent for Eastern Pennsylvania, then addressed the meeting. He said he would give the audience a word of his experience in relation to Sunday schools. When a scholar, he came to a point where most boys come. He did not remember at what time in his life he began going to Sunday school; but he recollected distinctly when he resolved to quit. One Sabbath morning, he went out early into the woods, climbed a tree, and fell and broke his leg. He then came to another point in his history. When he recovered he recommenced going to school, and never afterward quit—he was cured; since then he had been a regular attendant, and so strong had become the habit, he could not now do otherwise than attend. He related an interesting incident in relation to an interview he had with a little girl on her death-bed. The child was much concerned on the subject of religion, and he thought at first he would quiet her fears about death and eternity. She had attended the Old Field Sabbath School, and a second thought prompted him to change his course. He asked her if she had read in the Bible about Jesus coming into the world to save sinners, and on her quickly replying in the affirmative, he asked her if she did not believe Jesus would save her. "O," said she, "tell me how to believe." By a simple illustration which was at hand, and prayer, and singing appropriate hymns, the child embraced the Saviour, and the darkness passed away; light from heaven shone into her youthful heart, and she exclaimed: "I am not now afraid to die." With glory on her lips that Sabbath-school scholar passed away to the land of the blessed, to be with Jesus. The Gospel of Jesus Christ experimentally received, said the speaker, is the very thing we need for children; for all its promises are to us and to our children.

Rev. W. KENNEY, of Trinity Church, Philadelphia, next addressed the assembly. He remarked that no part of his early religious experience was connected with the Sabbath school. The religious instruction he received was in the sanctuary of home. His aged mother, now in heaven, was preëminently his religious instructor. At her knee and from her lips he learned the name of Jesus and the lessons of his love, and he could

bear testimony to the efficacy and importance of early religious training. Though in a somewhat different form from that which now claims attention so far as the agency is concerned, he was happy to be able to reciprocate the sentiment of Brother Odell, that the opinion that children may not early become the subjects of converting grace was miserably destructive. When but a child he enjoyed the love of God, and his youthful heart thrilled with such emotions as only religion can impart. But he was unfortunately regarded as too young to become a member of the Church. The result was, that for the want of a pastor's care, he wandered away from the fold where he should have been inclosed, and lost his comfort and his hope. Thus he wandered in the bleak desert until he was nineteen years of age, when he was again drawn by the Father's love to the foot of the cross, where he bowed and gave his wanderings o'er. Most anxiously did he hope that the Sabbath-school anniversary which was then being held, would accomplish much in the way of removing that miserable infidelity, which still to a great extent lurked in the Church. Let us take these children when the Spirit of God tenders their hearts, and lead them into the fold of the Church, giving them all its means of grace and nursing them for heaven. Thank God for the religious instruction imparted in the Sabbath school. How much it contributes to the peopling of heaven; and yet, said the speaker, the breathing, earnest piety of a holy mother is doing more to swell the ranks of the redeemed. He related in a most impressive manner an incident connected with his conversion. While engaged one evening in the year 1827, in scenes of festive mirth and revelry, his godly mother was engaged in prayer for his salvation, and the next evening found him at the mercy-seat, where he obtained pardon and salvation.

Mr. MYERS remarked that he firmly believed in the doctrine of early conversion. It was in accordance with his experience, for at the early age of twelve he was converted to God. It had been his happiness to labor in revivals of religion; but he always took more interest in talking and praying with children than with grown persons. In Duane-street Church he had witnessed interesting seasons, and he not only saw but felt that there was not that importance attached to the conversion of children that should be. In the Sabbath school he had experienced and witnessed revivals of religion among children. He had seen them converted, and he had seen them die in the triumphs of faith and go home to God. He found in this labor great delight, and he thought the Church should labor not only for their conversion, but direct her efforts to take care of them when converted, and make the best possible provision for the young. We ought, as a Church, also to send our money abroad to found Sabbath schools. Only think of seven millions of children congre-

gated together on one day under religious instruction. Go on, then, in the name of the Lord.

Rev. Mr. SEWALL said he had seen the fact that children in early life can be converted, demonstrated in Bedford-street, the Five Points of Philadelphia. Several years ago ragged boys and girls were gathered up from the lanes and alleys, where vice and poverty reigned, by a few young members of the Church, and formed into a Sabbath school. The scholars were the most unpromising of all children, and for a long time could not be brought under any kind of discipline. But these young Christians labored on, and God blessed their labors. Now, how changed the scene; our Sabbath school is as orderly, quiet, and attentive, as any in the city. Several of these scholars have been converted. The handful of corn sown here, has sprung up, and the fruit shakes like Lebanon. From a scattered, ungoverned few, there has grown up a large, well-ordered school, and from this, a Church has sprung up, with a membership of upward of a hundred. The desert has been made to blossom like the rose.

Rev. Mr. THOMPSON remarked that some of the happiest hours he ever spent in his life, were spent in a warehouse in Light-street, Baltimore, where a Sabbath school was collected from the streets and alleys of that portion of the city. Many children were there converted, and through their instrumentality their parents were brought to the knowledge of salvation in the remission of sins. He related an incident which occurred at one of the recent camp-meetings, which he had attended. A young man approached him and asked him if he knew him. On answering in the negative, the young man told him he was a scholar in that school, and had joined the Church. His brother was on the camp ground, and through his labors, he too was converted and joined the people of God. Out of that school a flourishing Church has been formed, and eternity only can calculate its results.

Rev. Mr. CATHER said he was led to the Sabbath school at a very early age, and before twelve years had passed away in his life, he was converted. By the grace of God he had been enabled to hold fast his profession. The love of God still burned in his heart, and though yet but young, his soul leaped for joy at the thought of the vast field of usefulness, white unto harvest, before him, and into which he was, as it were, just entering. If God would help him, he would spend his toil and strength in cultivating the vineyard of the Lord.

Rev. Mr. FEARNLEY remarked that he wished to say one word, and would pay an humble tribute to the Sabbath-school cause. In more

senses than one, he felt at home in the Sabbath-school anniversary. Nearly nineteen years ago he had, as a Sabbath-school scholar, knelt at the altar of mercy, and sought the salvation of his soul. A most glorious work of God had broken out in the school, and scores of children were converted to God. Here is a brother who labored in that revival, and he could never forget the time when he laid his hand upon his head and pointed him to Jesus, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. The children should be carefully looked after. He believed that if the Church gave no more attention to adult probationers than she does to probationers among the children, there would be vastly more backsliding among them than among the children. I stand, said he, in the seat occupied by my father, and on the left there, is the seat occupied by my mother; but that was years ago, and they both are gone to heaven. When they left me, the Church became my father and mother, and all I have and hope for, is to be found in the Church. He believed in the efficacy of religious instruction. A little girl three years old came from her prayers and said: "Mother, God has blessed me." "How do you know, my child?" "Because I feel so happy in my heart." Five years and six months she told the same story, and at eight years and six months she died repeating the same story. He wanted all to preach the doctrine of the early conversion of children.

Rev. Mr. Arwood, of Philadelphia, next addressed the meeting. He remarked that there was another subject in this connection, to which he wished to call attention; or, perhaps, more properly speaking, another branch of the same subject, intimately connected with Sabbath-school instruction. When he was presiding elder of the Wilmington District, he was holding a quarterly meeting in a certain neighborhood in a remote, out-of-the-way place. At a love-feast, on Sabbath morning, among those who related their experience was an elderly gentleman, who rose to speak. His features were strongly marked, and there was a bold but dignified expression of countenance, which indicated not only a man of nerve, but of thought. He gave a rapid sketch of his early life. He had grown up without any religious training whatever. In the neighborhood where he lived there were no schools, no Bibles, no Churches, and, consequently, no Sabbaths. The voice of prayer never fell upon his ear, and his foot never touched the threshold of a Church. In due course of time he got married, and a family began to spring up about him; all wild as the uncultivated region around him. As there are no spots where the Methodists are not found, sooner or later, it happened that some of that denomination had come into the neighborhood and started a Sunday school. The news soon spread abroad among the children, and the little ones of this family became anxious to go. Accordingly, they went to their father

and asked him if they might go to Sunday school. "Sunday school," said he; "what is that?" They explained as well as they could, and he said, for he was kind-natured, though he had a rough exterior: "Well, he did not see any harm in going," and gave his consent. The children went, and when they returned home the elder had a library book. Seeing it, the father said: "What is that?" "A book the teacher gave me." He took it, and as he could read a little, he commenced its perusal. It was small, and he soon finished it; but its contents had taken hold of his mind, and touched his heart. He called his wife, and read it to her. She, too, became interested; and they both affirmed that it was the best book they ever saw. When the Sabbath returned, and the children were preparing to start to school again, the father said: "Be sure and bring another book." They accordingly returned with another, and it was seized with avidity and read. The wife was again called, and he read it to her; but before he was through they were both bathed in tears. The power of truth had touched the heart of the strong man, and he shook with emotion. Again the Sabbath dawned, and again the children started for school; but before leaving the father said: "Mind now and bring two books this time." So anxious had he become for the return of the children, that he and his wife both placed themselves in the door to look out for their return. After standing there for some time the children made their appearance, and they both ran to meet them. When they returned to the house they sat down, and the father commenced reading. After he had finished one he took the other. Himself, wife, and children were all attention. Frequently he would stop to wipe away the tears, or still his nerves for further progress; so absorbed were they that everything else was forgotten. Night was coming on, but no thought about supper entered the mind of parents or children until the books were finished, long after the usual hour for the evening meal.

The next Sabbath morning the elder said to his father: "Come, father, go with us to Sabbath school." It was a strange suggestion, but the father acceded, and went with his children. When he arrived there he was met by a young man, the superintendent, who kindly received him, and the prayer offered by that young man at the opening of the school was the first he ever heard. By the blessing of God it went to his heart, and it was not many more Sabbaths until that father, and mother, and children were all converted to God, and made a happy family.

The design of the speaker in relating this incident was to show the importance of aiding the Sunday-School Union in sending out books, and organizing schools in destitute neighborhoods.

Mr. HUBBARD, of Philadelphia, made some very pertinent and interesting remarks. He said when he joined the Church, he at once became

interested in the Sabbath school. The first school organized in the Methodist Church in Philadelphia was at St. John's, where he labored for years, and lived to see the day when many scholars were converted. He held in his hand an old class-book, containing the names of fifteen members. This class was formed in 1827, nearly thirty years ago. Many interesting reminiscences were connected with it, but the lateness of the hour would not allow him to bring them up. Subsequently more names were added to this book, and among the number was that of Abel Stevens, whom you all know. Brother S. joined the Church when but a little boy, and he is now the editor of the *Christian Advocate and Journal*, and stands at the head of affairs in the Church. Many others are around us, filling responsible posts in the Church, who are the fruits of that Sunday school. He was in favor of branch Sunday schools, and regarded them as the life of the parent stock. To-morrow, he said, we shall lay the corner-stone of the school-house in the northern part of the city, and he believed, under God, many would there receive such an education, by the Spirit and the word, as would fit them for heaven.

Rev. Mr. COOMBE remarked that he was exceedingly interested in the meeting. He did not rise, however, to make a speech. He would simply remark that there were two objects in view in the holding of these anniversaries at different places. The first was, that an increasing interest might be awakened in those sections where they are held, and this has proved the case in the present anniversary; the second object was the increasing of the funds. More money had been collected in the city for the Union than had been collected previously in the entire Conference.

Dr. COOKE, at this point, suggested if it would not be a good idea to hold all the anniversaries at Philadelphia. The suggestion was unanimously responded to.

Dr. ROBERTS, of Baltimore, related some interesting incidents connected with the conversion of several wicked sons of pious parents, and presented them as an illustration of the fact that God would hear and answer prayer, and a verification of the Scripture proverb, that "bread cast upon the waters shall be gathered after many days."

It was now getting late in the afternoon, and the exercises, though exceedingly interesting, had to be brought to a close. After singing the Doxology, the audience was dismissed with the benediction by Bishop WAUGH.

PUBLIC ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The exercises of the public anniversary meeting were held on Monday evening in the Union Church. At an early hour the seats, aisles, and galleries were crowded. The venerable Bishop WAUGH, who has long been the ardent friend and patron of the Sabbath-school cause, had been chosen by the Committee of Arrangements as president of the meeting. Bishop JAMES had been selected as his assistant, but was not present, not having returned from his Western field. At the appointed hour the bishop took the chair, and announced the hymn selected for the occasion, commencing,

"As drops, which from the mountain side,
Unite and form a flowing stream."

This was sung by the choir and congregation, and followed by an appropriate prayer by Rev. W. BARNES, of Philadelphia.

After prayer, the bishop arose and opened the exercises by a short but impressive address to the friends of the Sabbath-school cause. He remarked that the hour was one of great interest, and he trusted it would prove one of great power. If the anniversary continued as it had begun, and the interest increased in the ratio of the enlargement of the audience, he anticipated a most precious and glorious season. He said he was about to introduce to the audience his friend and neighbor, Dr. Roberts; of Baltimore, whom he had known from his boyhood, and who had always been an ardent, zealous, and faithful friend of Sabbath schools.

ADDRESS OF REV. DR. ROBERTS, OF BALTIMORE.

Dr. ROBERTS then rose and remarked, that he thanked his venerable friend for the kind and cordial manner in which he had greeted him. To be looked upon as a friend, and to be so kindly introduced by one so venerable and worthy, was an honor of which he felt proud, and he trusted, when life was over, he should be permitted to greet his beloved father in God in heaven. He met the brethren and sisters under circumstances which touched his heart. It was an eventful period in the world's history. No period had ever dawned upon them more eventful, or presenting aspects fraught with greater consequences. The events which were coming had already cast their shadows before, and they were lengthening upon them. They had heard much of civil and religious liberty, and the dangers which threaten our beloved country. Some are looking for security and safety from one quarter, and some from another, but he frankly confessed that the more he looked at the threatening aspects

around, involving consequences disastrous to the Union which was dear to him, the more he felt that its preservation and perpetuity did not depend upon the principles of any one party, or the foresight and sagacity of any one man, but wholly and entirely upon the intelligence and purity of the people. The friends of Sabbath schools he believed looked to the right quarter in the day of trial. They looked to the very fountain from whence emanated the streams of good government and prosperity, and they commenced with the very beginnings of that life which held the destinies of the country in its future development. He believed the perpetuity of the country depended upon a higher power than the mere politician looked to as a security against threatened evils. Righteousness alone exalts and saves a nation. The hearts of men must be pure, and then the life will be a practical comment upon the righteous principles inculcated. We look, said the doctor, to the Sabbath school, and the results growing out of that system of training, for our happiness as a nation. Whatever other Churches were doing in fostering these institutions, he thanked God the Methodist Church was awake and active, and doing much toward their promotion. And the Methodist Church occupied highly responsible ground in the education of the youth of this land, and those who belong to other denominations are prepared to accede this, and expect us, in this eventful period, to perform our duty in view of these responsibilities. "Under God," said a member of another Church, addressing me not long since, "I look to you, and others associated with you, to stem the torrents of vice and infidelity which are spreading over the land." Another, of a still different denomination, made remarks of a similar nature. He, the doctor, rejoiced in God for the position he occupied as a Methodist and Methodist preacher, and hesitated not to say that his whole heart and soul were identified with the interests of the Church, and he believed her responsibility was the greatest in saving the nation and the world. Under God, we have the system, means, and appliances for accomplishing this most desirable end, and he trusted we would go forth manfully and do battle for the Lord. The motives which urge us on in this work are high as heaven and deep as hell. What motive calls for greater power in regard to the efforts we put forth in the cause of religious education than that which is derived from the fact that children are naturally depraved? Hence arises the necessity of commencing at the very buddings of life to arrest and cure this depravity. Though children would never be cast off on account of this depravity, yet under its influence results the most serious and destructive come to them.

Another motive he wished to present, and that was, that children may be converted to God—children have been converted to God. This was a subject in regard to which they had the clear word of God and revelation from heaven. The early conversion of Samuel was illustrative of the fact;

Josiah, who, at the early age of eight years, came to the throne, sought and found his God. He reigned in righteousness over Israel for a period of thirty years, and then passed away. Because of his piety and exemplary life, the evils with which God had threatened the nation were averted, and his judgments postponed. The minds of children are exceedingly susceptible of impressions, either good or bad, and hence the youthful mind should be brought under right influences, and a virtuous direction should be given to it. The doctor here related an incident connected with an orphan child converted in the West, which was touching.

In regard to the conversion of children, he said, there were questions which commend themselves to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ. If the children may be converted, we should look to it, that no effort be left untried to effect it, as they are surrounded by evil examples, often at home as well as abroad, which, connected with their innate tendencies to sin, increased the difficulty of their conversion every year. The Sabbath school is not designed simply to educate children, or preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath, but to bring their tender minds to the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." This was the great end, and it should ever be kept in view by the friends and lovers of that blessed institution. There was another consideration worthy of attention, which he would present. The days of proselytism are gone by, and we can only look to our Sabbath schools for the perpetuation of our Church. In the providence of God, we look to our children to fill our places when we are gone. Many are already gone, and the ranks of our older membership are becoming thinner and thinner every year. What encouragement have we to labor in this cause. Two of the greatest revivals of religion with which he was acquainted originated in Sabbath schools. In one of these upward of six hundred souls were converted. Men, women, and children shared in the work, and they came for miles to the meeting. It began first in the school, among the larger children, then extended to the teachers and the community. In that same church, in subsequent years, from three to four hundred souls were converted. In the Sunday schools we are to look for our future members and ministers. In that very school he labored during the revival, and continued his connection with it until God called him to the work of the ministry. Twenty-six children and teachers were converted, and brought from it into the work of the ministry, and since then from twelve to fifteen have also engaged in the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ. From this source we are, as a Church, to look for our missionaries, and the cause of missions is destined to absorb more of the interests of the Church than ever. From the Sabbath school men were to rise up, at the bidding of the Church, to go into heathen lands, and proclaim salvation to the perishing. He assured the friends of

the cause that his heart and hand were with them in the glorious enterprise, and he had the most delightful anticipations in regard to its results. He wished no more glorious memento than that some Sabbath-school boy should point to his grave and say, "There lies one who loved Sabbath schools." He would rather have this testimony than to have a place for his remains in Westminster Abbey. He who is not interested in this cause may well question his own safety. Let all spring to the work, and, should we live to the close of another year, we may, instead of witnessing within the schools of our Zion *five hundred thousand* scholars, *one hundred and thirteen thousand* teachers, and *seventeen thousand* young converts, see an increase of twofold or fourfold. God speed the blessed cause!

ADDRESS OF REV. J. MILEY, OF BROOKLYN, N. Y.

MR. PRESIDENT,—We stand here in your presence to plead the cause of children; and surely any failure in speaking will not be for want of an audience or a theme. The multitude is here, and the theme is most inspiring. We, sir, are younger than you, and, in the kind providence of God, may have longer to live and labor in this good cause; but if younger years have any advantage in point of ardor, we shall not claim it here. You have longer contemplated this great subject; you have taken broader and clearer views of it than we, and hence feel an ardor above ours.

How many and great are the interests that gather around children! Of all the sweet and charming words that dropped from the lips of Jesus, of all the lovely scenes that crowd into his life, none are more touching and tender than when he said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." And what would the world be without the presence and influence of children? And what would religion be or achieve? It would make little progress, and have but little beauty or grace without their influence. And what would heaven be to us but for the many children that have gone thither? Very much, one will say. True; but I mean in our appreciation of it. Call them hence, or suppose that none ever died and went there, and you would rob it of half its charms to us; but now, as so many of these little, loved ones die and ascend there, thither rise the thoughts and affections of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters. They are a powerful attraction, drawing earth up to heaven. Here indeed is a bright and beautiful ray of light glowing amid the darkness of that Providence under which so many children die. A great blessing comes along with that sad fact.

This meeting, sir, is one of profound importance, as we represent one of the great instrumentalities for the right training of the young. But he who looks only at the present occasion will see and feel but little of the interests of the great subject upon which we are met. We said, sir, that we stand here in your presence to plead the cause of children. Shall we not say that we stand here in the presence of the three or four hundred millions of children now living while we plead their cause? It requires but little imagination to gather them around us. Their eyes look upon us, and their ears listen to our words. As they wake to the interests of this theme, and the light of the future and the eternal shines upon their soul, their very heart throbs with profound emotion. How much of interest to them depends upon the prompt and continuous efforts of the Church and the Sunday school! We shall send them onward in life's journey blessed or accursed in themselves, and a blessing or a curse to each other. We shall give them light or darkness. We shall plant in their hearts the seed of truth, which may flourish in the abundance and richness of good fruit, or leave them to be overgrown with the fruits of evil and death. And through them we may soon send the angel through the midst of heaven with his message of good tidings, or long delay his mission. And then we look beyond to the oncoming generations for a thousand ages. Through the present generation of children we shall send forth influences for weal or woe upon all these; and these same influences, fraught with life or death, shall sweep onward through eternity. Could we grasp and realize this subject in all its importance and grandeur, truly it would overwhelm us. Would that we had a heart of seraphic flame and fervor, and a tongue of fire, to plead this cause!

We ought to be deeply impressed with this truth, that all these children in whose behalf we speak will have a moral training. The Church may neglect them; they may never be brought into a Sunday school; they may never receive the fostering care of parental piety. Still they will all have a moral training, one of deep and eternal impression upon their soul. Here there is no election, except between a good and a bad training. The moral nature must be educated either in the lessons of wisdom and piety, or in the lessons of folly and sin. Home will be to the young a school of vice or virtue. Society, good or bad as they shall seek, will impress its own character upon them. In the places of their public resort, in the streets through which they walk, in the stores and shops which they enter, everywhere they will be encountering influences that all the while will be advancing their moral training.

Another fact should here impress us. It is this, the children of our own country receive a very early moral training. We differ from other nations. With us there is an unequaled measure of individuality and personal activity. Information is widely diffused. Personal independ-

ence is a strong, active feeling. All these things reach down to the very children, even to the very little children, and exert a mighty influence upon them. The result is, that their moral nature is very early developed, their moral character very early formed. Hence the great need and benefit of the Sunday school, which begins with them when very young, and trains them up in the way they should go.

Next we ought to be impressed with this truth, that a wrong moral training is easily furnished or acquired, while a right one is far more difficult. Whoever leaves out of his account of human nature its depravity greatly misjudges of it. Here is an inherent, strong tendency to evil, a nature easily educated to evil. Then false opinions, evil examples, corrupt influences are exceedingly prevalent; and they find in our very nature a ready susceptibility to their mighty force. A right moral training has not all these ready, self-acting agencies. Here direct effort must be put forth; and all these evil agencies must be counteracted and controlled before a right moral training can be achieved. What need, then, for the Sunday school, with all its facilities and efficiencies for this work.

Again, while the Sunday-school agency should be gladly accepted in behalf of all children, there are many for whom it is almost the only hope. What other is there for them? In their homes there is no altar of prayer; no parental piety; no pious influence; no godly example. There is the reverse of all this. Everything is irreligious, ungodly. And they are never led up to the house of God. No, nor ever would be, except through the Sunday school. How much, then, is it needed for all such? And of how much benefit may it be to them?

Further, as the Sunday school is nearly the only means for the right moral culture of many children, so it is nearly the only hopeful means for the conversion and salvation of many families. How many are quite beyond the reach of all the usual means of grace? They have come up to maturity of life without religious instruction, and with rare attendance upon the house of God. They have now no taste or concern for it. They have no ties or associations to draw them there. There is a feeling of estrangement from it—of strong repugnance to it. Between them and it lies a deep and wide gulf. Now take the smaller children from such families to the Sunday school, and through it to the Church, and you have the means of access to them. The children become deeply interested in the exercises of the school, and in the Church. They talk of these things to their parents, and older brothers and sisters. New interest is elicited. The gulf of separation narrows. The family is drawn to the Church and saved. Very many facts verify this thought. Often children are made the instruments of salvation to their parents. Once a father with his little son went in a boat out to a small island. The

beautiful, placid waters lay around them, and the bright skies were above them. The father left the little son here, while he went to another. Suddenly a heavy fog, through which the eye could not pierce, settled down upon all the waters. The effort of the father to return seemed hopeless. He would rest the oars and listen for some sound, or peer into the dense mist for some guiding object. Now came a sweet sound gliding through the fog, "Father! steer straight to me, father." This was his guide; and soon he found the object of his solicitude and love. Soon after, this little boy was laid in the grave. The father, without the solace or hope of religion, was disconsolate indeed. Again he felt that he was out upon the waters with the thick fog around him, and knew not whither to go. But again and again he seemed to hear that same sweet voice, coming down from heaven, "Father! steer straight to me, father." It now guided him to Jesus and to heaven. So many parents have thus been guided through their children, who have been gathered into the Sunday school, and through it brought to the Saviour. Nor can we overestimate the value of this institution for the good it has thus achieved.

A proper training in a good Sunday school will very much ennoble and beautify the religion of such as are brought to its experience and practice. The Sunday school aims at this. It may achieve much good short of this, but does not accomplish its high mission and purpose till the children are true Christians. Now their Sunday-school training will generally make them intelligent Christians, well taught in the principles and truths of Scripture. Their views are broad and liberal. They are trained to an active sympathy with the various enterprises of beneficence. They are taught to look away from self, abroad upon the world; to feel for its wants and woes, and to labor for their relief. How elevating is all this! How it expands the soul? How it opens the charities of the heart! And it is one of the sublimest facts of our holy Christianity, that even a little child may aid in its great mission of mercy in the world's salvation. Here he may be a co-worker with the mightiest men, with angels, yea, with God. A company of men were launching a vessel; but it stalled in the cradle, so that their combined strength could not move it. "Another pound," said one, "and it will go." "I can push a pound," answered a little boy. Upon the addition of his strength the vessel again moved, and soon floated on the waters. But not all these men, nor as many more, could of themselves move the massive structure. Its cradle was constructed upon an inclination to the water. This placed it under the influence of gravitation, which thus tended to force it down the inclination. This was the great power relied upon, the same that grasps in its hands, or bears upon its shoulders, all the stars, and suns, and systems of the universe. The men were aiding it. The little boy, too, was aiding it. Sublime work this for a little boy who can "push a pound" to give

aid to that mighty principle which upholds all worlds! But in religion he may do a sublimer work. In the achievement of its great mission of mercy to the world, upraising it from darkness and sin to holiness and heaven, he may stand upon the same platform with men and angels, yea, upon the same with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Now let children be trained and brought to Christ, as they often are in the Sunday school, in sympathy with this religion, and under the influence of its lofty mission and motives; and for how much of Christian zeal, activity, and beneficence may we hope even at a near day! Already we have the first fruits; and they promise a glorious harvest. Sir, it is not very long, as you well know, since a noble and sanguine minister avowed his belief that the time would come when the Baltimore Conference would itself contribute a thousand dollars annually to the missionary cause. Now I have for my nearest neighbor a Sunday school, the songs of which are pleasant to hear in my own home; that school gave last year more than fourteen hundred dollars to that cause. And no one thing has done more for the increase of benevolent contributions than the Sunday school. For all this it should have our most earnest approval and support.

ADDRESS OF REV. S. Y. MONROE, OF NEW-JERSEY.

A FEW years ago, Mr. President, a distinguished American merchant, now a resident of London, was invited by the citizens of his native town in Massachusetts, to unite with them in celebrating the centennial anniversary of its settlement. Pressing engagements prevented his compliance; but accompanying the reply announcing this, there was sent an inclosure, which was stated to contain a sentiment, to be opened at the festival. At the proper time the seal was broken, and these words were found written: "*Education, a debt due from present to future generations,*" added to which was this further communication: "In acknowledgment of that debt laid by the generation which preceded me, and to aid in its further discharge, I give to the inhabitants of my native town the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the promotion of knowledge and morality among them." This sentiment thus expressed by the distinguished Mr. Peabody, in connection with religious education, is what we need to feel on the present occasion. It is very pleasant at a time like this, I am aware, to look backward and see how success has illustrated the path; and it must be admitted that in this respect the history of the Sabbath-school cause stands among the first of all the marvels of the nineteenth century; but it certainly is not less, nay, it is more important to look forward and feel responsibility resting upon us in regard to the future.

It is very plain on many accounts that the religious education of the young is of very great moment in every age of the world ; but there may be circumstances connected with particular times, there may be characteristics of a particular age, questions to settle and difficulties to meet, which create a necessity in this connection more than ordinarily pressing ; and if we would appreciate justly the weight of obligation which rests upon us, we should endeavor to ascertain whether anything of this description is likely to be the case with the generation by which we are to be succeeded. I am aware, Mr. President, that this is a work of great difficulty in many respects, even as it relates to the period through which we may be now passing. It is a great gift to be able to tell in the present,

“ The very shape and body of the times,
Its form and pressure ; ”

to extract that from it which may emphatically be denominated *its spirit*. But may not this be owing to the presence of a multitude of minor and subordinate matters which divide the attention and distract the judgment, a difficulty which will disappear when we attempt to look largely either backward or forward ? for with distance of time, as with distance of space, smaller objects sink out of sight, and only such as are of commanding magnitude stand out before the observation.

Is it not true that *in the coming generation mind will be found to be in a state of increased and increasing activity* ? This is, indeed, often dwelt upon as a characteristic of our own day ; we are accustomed to speak of the activity of the human intellect in the nineteenth century as altogether without precedent ; but, true as this may be, if indications which abound everywhere are to be relied upon, it would be a very great mistake to suppose that the movement had reached its climax. Engrossed by the demands of an absorbing occupation, or deceived by the gradual character of the progress with which we are advancing, facts that prove this may be overlooked ; but let any one be called, as I have been, after the absence of more than half a score of years, to visit a section of the country with which he was more extensively familiar, and the contrast will be most convincing. Public schools are in the hands of teachers in many cases, I had liked to have said, a hundredfold better qualified than they formerly were ; the schedule of studies is much more liberal and various, and among the young who are approaching manhood, instead of being content even with this, there is a spreading solicitude as to facilities for obtaining the advantages which our academies and colleges afford.

The *rapidly increasing circulation of the public press* is highly indicative, too, in this connection. The newspaper is becoming as much a necessity almost of country as it is of city life ; not alone in our towns and villages, but on the farms, great and small, you find the periodicals, daily

often as well as weekly. Add to schools and the press the agency of *steam*, facilitating and multiplying travel, and of the *telegraph*, furnishing the means for the instantaneous transmission of the knowledge of existing and important events as they occur; take into thought, too, the fact that by this same agency we are soon to have added to our own the *excitements of another continent*, and that, too, not having lost the chief part of their power to move by the idea of modifying subsequents which may have transpired during the days and weeks which it required for the intelligence to reach us; but the excitements of that continent communicated almost simultaneously with their occurrence. Bear in mind that man has not yet exhausted his powers of invention, but with greater advantages than ever before, he is still to be a student and a discoverer; that there is no extravagance in the supposition that science and art in their explorations may yet bring to light agents which will result in revolutions as great and progress as wonderful as have followed from the adaptation of steam and electricity to the purposes of humanity. When you take the whole of this into the account, is it not reasonable to suppose that, so far as mental activity is concerned, what is now felt and witnessed is but the shadow of a substance which in the great uses of its stimulative energy is as yet a coming event? Ought not such a fact as this to be taken into the account in judging of our responsibility as it relates to the young? Of this activity they are to be the subjects. The Church of Christ, as it will exist in their day, is to meet it and to mold it. And will not piety of a peculiar and elevated description be required to do this properly? Those who are to possess and exhibit it are now the children of our Sabbath schools. Is there anything brighter with promise than the effort there made to implant *early* the principles of religion in the heart, to bring its young affections to the foot of the cross, where they may be baptized with the Spirit of Christ, and grow up afterward distinguished by all that steadiness of movement which comes from the operation of the law of habit, and all that strength of influence which is produced by consistency of character long preserved and displayed? All this activity of mind which is to distinguish the succeeding age may be guided, and controlled, and sanctified by a beneficent Christianity; it may be harnessed to the chariot of the Gospel, accelerating the impulse with which it moves onward through the world; it may become a blessed influence which shall swell the sails and speed the progress of the ship of Zion. Yes, it may be this; but, on the other hand, it may be a pernicious and baleful agency, under the power of which civil society may drift off into atheistic indifference to divine things, and a scoffing and querulous infidelity. And let us not forget that which of these shall be the fact, depends, under God, to all human judgment, upon the faithfulness with which the youthful mind shall be trained up for Christ and heaven.

Is it not true again, Mr. President, that the Church in the next generation will be called upon to meet the question of *the application of the Gospel to*, I had liked to have called it, *the practical heathenism of our large cities and towns*? The pioneer period of Christianity, at least in the eastern portion of this country, and with us as a Church, has largely passed away, and while we rejoice in the many advantages connected with that by which it has been succeeded, must we not still confess that, so far as the successful application of the Gospel to it is concerned, in our quarter at least, the new state of things is embarrassed with difficulties certainly equal to, if not surpassing any which may have attended upon its predecessor? Who will doubt this after he has inspected the character of, or made an attempt to affect for good, that portion of a city's population which is found crowding, from garret to cellar, the dwellings in many of its lanes and alleys and more obscure streets? I agree, indeed, with a certain writer, who says: "That, in its combination of art, of learning, of genius, of religion, a city becomes a radiating center of light to the world." But can we refuse to go with him when he tells us that "it is nevertheless a moral Pharos;" that "while its light gleams afar and greets the eye of the most distant voyager on life's treacherous sea, the darkest shadows extend from its base, and he who would explore the gloomiest recesses of ignorance, and crime, and wretchedness, must search for them beneath the shadow of its temples and its palaces?"

We talk of the lazzaroni of Naples, of the swarms of beggary and vice at Rome, and we say, See what popery is by the fruit which it bears at home; but what if here, right in the center of Christian influence, where its trusted agencies have been operating longest and with concentrated strength; what if here there should be growing up an argument against our own Protestantism of a similar character, and in proportion as our system is better than theirs, more culpable for us to allow? O, is it nothing that we know of bitter misfortune and heart-wringing sorrow that suffers in silence, unpitied and unrelieved, deeming itself forgotten by man and forsaken of God! *Why, humanity ought to weep over this.* Is it nothing that reliable statistics tell of multiplied thousands, who, utter neglecters of even the forms of divine worship, are sunk in the most stolid insensibility as to God and eternal things? *Why, religion ought to shudder at this.* Is it nothing that a personal explanation of the territory which many of these inhabit will show that we have in our midst, right in the heart of our cities, what can be called by no better name than the marshes and jungles of human society, where all manner of vile and creeping things congregate and cover each other with their slime, and wild beasts of wicked passion, in human form, have their lair? *Why, patriotism ought to take the alarm at this.*

Now a state of things like this is increasing, not alone in New-York

and Philadelphia, but in all the central points throughout the land where commerce and trade are multiplying the numbers of the population. Must we not do something to extirpate this cancer from the bosom of the body politic, to obliterate this scandal upon Christianity? Can the question long be postponed or put aside? Earnest minds out of the Church are already looking at it. The civil power is putting forth its energies, and we may find it necessary in some places to arm it with additional authority, and infuse into its action greater vigor; but this, after all, will only prove a palliative, and be partial, and may result altogether in faction; it does not even contemplate the realization of the aim of the Gospel, which is to make men unwilling, not unable to do wrong. Sir, the Church must lay siege to this Sebastopol of sin; it must direct its artillery against the very Malakoffs of iniquity in it; it must have a courage bold enough to plan, and a patient, unwearied zeal persevering enough to carry out an attack upon this seemingly impregnable fortress of Satan, expecting that even here "the weapons of our warfare, though not carnal, but spiritual, will nevertheless prove mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strongholds."

It would be great injustice, Mr. President, did I intimate that this work had as yet received no attention. I should withhold honor from those to whom honor is due, were I not to speak of Bedford-street and the Five Points, and efforts kindred to them in character. I thank those honorable women and those noble men for their exhibition of faith and love, as they have led on what was conceived to be almost a forlorn hope to the assault. But "what are these among so many?" Is not the "harvest plenteous and the laborers few?" Instead of regarding what has been done as meeting the exigence, it should rather be looked at as indicating a field which must be here much more extensively entered upon. And now, where are we to get the responding multitudes by whom for this purpose the ranks shall be recruited. Here must not thought turn again, if it turn hopefully, to the young, to the Sabbath school, to those who, taught there the spirit of sacrifice, and the grace of patience, and the fervor of zeal, shall grow up with that forgetfulness of self which distinguishes those with whom religion is not merely a shield to make them safe in a sphere in which they think exclusively of personal enjoyment, but a *great life*, that must vent itself in incessant activity for the glory of God, and through dangers and difficulties, is ever thrusting itself out upon new and larger attempts to do good? I have opened up here a line of remark which might be protracted to almost an indefinite extent, but without trespassing longer, I cheerfully give place to one whom all will be interested to hear.

ADDRESS OF REV. DANIEL WISE.

MR. PRESIDENT,—I heartily concur, sir, in the high opinion you have just expressed of my predecessor, Dr. Kidder. I have long admired and loved that gentleman. His official labors I highly appreciate. When I look at his labors and consider what he accomplished, I sometimes tremble for my own success. Yet, if my performance shall equal the height of my desire, I shall not utterly fail. What I am, soul and body, shall be given to the cause. Still, sir, I have no new-born zeal to bring to my work. I have loved it long and heartily, even from my childhood. When but four years old I was taken to a Sunday school, where my young heart, for the first time, melted at the name of Jesus. Well do I remember the hour, when one of the humblest of the teachers in that school, speaking on that sweet text, "Behold the Lamb of God," moved my heart, and when my eyes shed responsive tears to his appeals. That was my first religious conviction. At a later period I also received the grace of God in a Sunday school. The Sunday school is, therefore, my spiritual mother. I am peculiarly her spiritual child, for it was not my lot to be trained under the influence of family religion; I was nursed in the lap of a cold religious formalism at home; and but for the influence of the Sunday school, should, in all human probability, have grown up experimentally ignorant of the spiritual life. Hence I lovingly cherish the Sunday school as my spiritual mother, and hope to serve it with all that love which a child owes to his parent.

But, sir, passing from these personal matters, which were called out by the observations you were pleased to make in introducing me to this audience, I will offer some remarks on the general question. Permit me, then, to illustrate this point, namely, that to secure the complete success of the Sunday school, it is essential to procure the active and hearty coöperation of the entire Church.

The first step to complete success in an enterprise like this, is *harmony of opinion*. This, the cause has won. There is now, I believe, but one opinion respecting the utility of Sunday schools throughout our widely extended Zion. Our people may hold diverse opinions on many other topics, but on this they are agreed. Their broad seal of approbation is set upon it most distinctly. The same is true of the Evangelical bodies generally. However they may differ with each other on other themes, they agree in this. So general is this unanimity, that one is inclined to regard the Sunday school as *one of those things about which men were made to agree*, a form of expression which was suggested to my mind by the following incident:

A father was passing with his son, a little boy, along a great public

thoroughfare to church. "Where are all these people going to, pa?" inquired the boy. "To church, my son," the father replied. Not long after the people began to divide and turn off, some here and others there. Observing this, the boy said, "Pa, why is it that people do not all go to one church?" "O," replied the father, "the things which lead to the formation of different churches are subjects about which people were made to differ."

But when the church services were over, the boy and his father again mingled with the retiring crowds from the several churches. Presently they came to a spot where was a man who had just fallen to the ground in a fit. Quickly, persons of all sects gathered around him. An Episcopalian lifted the sick man from the ground; a Congregationalist supported his head; a Baptist ran for water; a Methodist hurried off after a physician; a Quaker spoke soothingly to the sick man's weeping wife; while a Lutheran took charge of his children. When the man was removed and the crowd dispersed, the gentleman said to his boy: "There, my son, you now see how all these people who go to different churches, agreed in helping that sick man. To help him was a work of charity, and that is one of the things about which men were made to agree."

Now, sir, our cause is a work of charity; and if that gentleman told his child the truth, it is one of those things about which men were made to agree. I am glad it is so: glad that there is agreement in the Churches, in our own Church at least, in theory. We all consent that the Sunday school is a good thing and ought to be sustained. And this harmony of opinion is, as I have said, the first step toward its complete success.

But, sir, this unanimity of opinion is not sufficient. It is one thing to endorse a cause as good, and another thing to carry that endorsement into practice. Men may be thoroughly orthodox in opinion and as thoroughly heterodox in practice. And this, I fear, is too much the case with multitudes of our members. They applaud the Sabbath school, but they do not help it.

One proof that this is so, is the great and almost universal lamentation which comes up from our schools over the want of teachers. We can procure scholars, but teachers, especially competent teachers, are far too few. In a vast number of churches, the work of teaching is left almost exclusively to the young; while our men of ripened and mature minds, our official men, stand apart and lend little or no aid. There are, I know, many noble exceptions to this state of things; but the fact remains—a vast proportion of our adult members do not take any practical interest in the Sunday school; and this lack of active coöperation is a stupendous obstacle in the way of the complete success of our cause.

The want of earnest coöperation may also be seen in the expenditures of the Church in its behalf. It is surprising to see how little is contrib-

uted to support our Sunday schools. Our last report shows that the whole amount raised in 1855, for local expenses and for the Union, was but one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, an average of only *two-tenths of a cent per scholar*, when divided among the children in our Sunday schools.

Do not these facts justify the inference, that the Sabbath-school cause is not appreciated in proportion to its claims? If it were, would not the action of the Church be more in accordance with the importance of the institution? Would she leave it to suffer through a lack of teachers? Would she dole out her means with such a parsimonious hand? I trow not.

But why this low appreciation of so precious an institution? Perhaps one reason for it is found in the fact that it reveals itself in parts only, and not in an aggregated form. It is seen as the naturalist finds the remains of the mastodon; not in the fullness and completeness of its massive proportions, but disjointed, with one limb here and another there, a bone in one spot and a joint in another. To drop my figure, the Church sees the Sunday school only as it is developed in the local Church, divided into small bands of children, seldom exceeding three or four hundred in a place. Such spectacles are not grand and impressive, but simple and apparently unimportant. But could men see this institution as a whole; could they witness all its parts brought together, and behold the *seven millions* of immortal children, with their more than a million of gratuitous teachers, which this cause embraces, they would be at once impressed with a profound sense of its peerless majesty and its high importance. They would no more regard it as a little thing, unworthy of their close attention and liberal support; but they would appreciate it highly, support it liberally, and labor in it earnestly.

The same thing is true of Sunday-school *results*. They too meet the eye in little rills only, quietly meandering along, and almost imperceptibly imparting freshness and verdure to society and to the Church. Thus seen, they are undervalued. Would men be at the pains to trace these tiny streams of hallowed influences, as they flow on to vast eternity, they would find them mingling together, forming at length a mighty river of glorious results, at sight of which their hearts would become jubilant, and their ideas of the importance of the Sunday-school cause wonderfully enlarged.

Tracing Sunday-school influence as it flows through the body politic, they would see it communicating that element to the character of our youth, which is indispensable to the successful existence of our free institutions. Based as our government is, on the principle of granting to the individual the largest possible amount of personal liberty consistent with the continuance of society, its permanence depends not on outside forces, but on the power of its individual members to govern themselves. This power, like the attraction of cohesion in the great globe beneath our feet,

holds everything together. Destroy it, raise up a people personally incapable of self-government, and you have no choice between despotism and anarchy.

Now just at this point the unspeakable advantage of the Sunday school to the state becomes apparent. For its work is to teach those divine principles to the children of the nation, which, by developing their ideas of justice and quickening their moral sense into activity and control, will lead them to submit, of their own choice, to those rules of conduct on which public law reposes. They are thus fitted to be the subjects of a really free government, and to be safely intrusted, when they grow up, with those prerogatives of freemen with which our government invests its citizens.

The Sunday school, by the same process, contributes to the purity and peace of the body social. Its teachings train our children to love moral purity, to eschew vice, and to seek that divine regeneration, which is the only source of pure character. Children, thus instructed, constitute, in their after life, those classes in society which are the bulwarks of its stability and its crown of beauty.

Nor is its influence less beneficial to the Church. It has been wisely named the nursery of the Church. The facts of its history triumphantly establish its right to this beautiful designation; they show that from beneath its training come the vast majority of those who enter the Church. At a recent meeting of clergymen in New Hampshire it was affirmed that in a given number of Churches, five out of every six converted during a period of several years were from the Sunday school. So, too, in our own Church for nine years past, four-fifths of her increase have come from the same fruitful source! And thus it is throughout Christendom. The springs of increase to the Church are her Sunday schools.

Thus, sir, viewed thoughtfully at any point, the results of Sabbath-school influence are great and precious. All, then, that is required to secure the proper appreciation of our cause, is to persuade good men to study it in its true position; to study its results; to examine its relations to the great interest of life. Let this be done, and I have no fears for its continued thrifty existence. Those who have valued it highly, will continue to do so. Those who have despised it, will change their opinions, as did the Athenians with respect to the statue of Minerva, wrought by that prince of sculptors, Phidias. At first they preferred the work of his rival, because of its exquisite grace and finish, and because the features in the Minerva of Phidias were coarse and unattractive. But when, at the demand of Phidias, both statues were elevated to the height of their intended pedestals, they changed their verdict and shouted, "Phidias! Phidias! He is the sculptor of the gods!" For then the features of the statue wrought by the victorious artist, instead of appearing coarse and

vulgar, became grand, impressive, and majestic; while the nicer beauties in the work of his rival being no longer discernible, it looked tame, unexpressive, and beneath the people's ideal of their favorite goddess.

Thus, sir, would they, who now think lightly of the Sunday school, change their opinions, if they would but study its aggregated results and its multiform relations to society. They would then cry, "Great is the Sunday school as a means of good to the world!" And, if true to their convictions, they would then support it in proportion to its intrinsic importance.

At the close of this address the Rev. P. COOMBE made a few remarks expressive of the deep interest which our people in Philadelphia had taken in the exercises of the anniversary, after which the choir and congregation united in singing the hymn commencing with,

"O what a lovely sight,
To see our tender youth," etc.

The audience was then dismissed with the benediction by Doctor HODGSON.

Thus terminated one of the most interesting occasions it has ever been our lot to enjoy. The anniversary owed very much of its enthusiasm to the earnest spirit and thorough manner in which the committee of the preachers' meeting entered into the work of preparing for it. The Board of Managers expressed their estimation of this coöperation in the following resolution, adopted at their regular meeting in October last:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be tendered to Brother COOMBE, Chairman of the Anniversary Committee at Philadelphia, also to his associates and to the ministers stationed in Philadelphia, for their hearty coöperation with our committee in carrying out the anniversary.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

THE conferences, so far as we have learned, generally held public Sunday-school anniversaries the past year, which, as usual, were occasions of interest and profit, both to ministers and people.

These anniversaries are now fairly incorporated into the usages of our Church. Many of the conferences have voted to set apart THURSDAY evening of the first week of their sessions for this purpose, and have made it the duty of the preacher in charge at the seat of the conference, in connection with the Conference Sunday-school Committee, to make all necessary arrangements for the meeting. At some of the conferences a childrens' meeting has been held, on the afternoon of the anniversary, with such fine effect as to justify the wish that the practice may become universal.

The Corresponding Secretary did not visit any of the conferences the past year. The state of his health for some time subsequent to his appointment, the time required for the removal of his family, and the necessity of giving close attention to his office duties, were among the causes which prevented him from attending to this department of his work. During the current year he will give it as much attention as may be consistent with his editorial and other official duties.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Conference contemplate with satisfaction the measure of success which has attended, during the past year, the system of Sunday-school effort, as contained in the general plan of the Sunday-School Union, recommended by the Board of Managers.

2. *Resolved*, That the Sunday school, as a leading and absorbing interest of the Church, demands of her ministry, membership, and friends renewed zeal and more careful and devoted exertion.

3. *Resolved*, That in the general struggle now in progress for the available power of the press, it devolves on the Church to guard her fountains of theology, and to supply her own pure denominational literature to her children.

4. *Resolved*, That in conformity to the spirit of our general rule respecting the reading of "books which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God," as it is the great object of all our Sunday-school agencies to save the children, or bring them to Christ, so it is neither safe nor innocent to place in their hands books or papers which have a contrary or doubtful tendency.

5. *Resolved*, That as it is natural that each institution should aim chiefly at carrying out its own objects, so no enterprise has so strong and direct a claim upon the sympathy and liberality of our Sunday schools as the Sunday-school cause itself; and we therefore recommend that all our Sunday schools take up a collection annually in behalf of our Sunday-School Union.

6. *Resolved*, That we regard the Sunday-School Advocate as admirably adapted to subserve the moral improvement of the young and the interests and objects of our Sunday schools generally, and we pledge our efforts to increase its already extensive circulation.

7. *Resolved*, That the bishop be requested to appoint Rev. JOHN A. GERE to the agency of the Sunday-School Union for the ensuing year.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT—W. H. Laney, R. Lockwood.

NORTH BALTIMORE DISTRICT—E. D. Owen, G. W. Corner.

POTOMAC DISTRICT—G. Hildt, T. J. M'Gruder.

LEWISBURGH DISTRICT—J. W. Boteler, A. L. Pitzer.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT—J. Thrush, J. H. Shew.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT—C. M'Ilfresh, W. R. Denny.

FREDERIC DISTRICT—H. G. Dill, J. Knodle.

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT—J. W. Tongue, J. Shoemaker.

BELLEfonte DISTRICT—C. Cleaver, A. R. Barlow.

NORTHUMBERLAND DISTRICT—E. H. Waring, J. Rooker.

CARLISLE DISTRICT—T. J. Daugherty, J. W. Marshall.

BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the signs of the times and the interests of the rising generation impress us with the magnitude of the Sunday-school enterprise, and call for the most vigorous exertion on the part of the Church of Christ to increase its efficiency and usefulness; your committee would, therefore, recommend for your adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That no proper effort or sacrifice should be neglected that tends to promote the Sunday-school enterprise.

2. *Resolved*, That we are mortified to learn that one hundred and twenty pastors have failed to report collections for the Sunday-School Union, and we hereby declare that the circumstances are extraordinary which will excuse a preacher from taking such collection.

3. *Resolved*, That the preachers in charge should be very particular in collecting and reporting Sunday-school statistics.

4. *Resolved*, That the success which has attended our Sunday-school conventions, recommends their continuance and more general observance.

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of some member of this body to preach a sermon on the subject of Sunday schools at the next session of our conference.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

G. G. HAPGOOD, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union.

ROME DISTRICT—Rev. W. J. Hunt, F. Moore, Rome.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT—Rev. D. Simons, W. B. Wescott, Syracuse.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—Rev. B. I. Diefendorf, W. K. Cook, Vienna.

OSWEGO DISTRICT—Rev. R. N. Barber, J. L. Lewis, Oswego.

ADAMS DISTRICT—Rev. W. W. Hunt, Dr. R. M. Bingham, Watertown.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—Rev. D. W. Roney, J. Atwell, Theresa.

OGDENSBURGH DISTRICT—Rev. W. S. Titus, J. Traver, Canton.

POTSDAM DISTRICT—Rev. W. H. Hawkins, L. Ashley, West Stockholm.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE.**REPORT.**

We would earnestly recommend to the members and ministers of the Church to labor more actively in promoting the interest of Sunday schools, believing that each year will furnish additional proof that they are designed, in the providence of God, to be the chief means of training the children and youth of our families to become stable and devoted members of the Church.

We recommend, also, our people to supply their schools with the Sunday-School Advocate, and also with the books published by the Sunday-School Union of our Church, in preference to any other.

Your committee would also say, that they think the time has come for more systematic effort to preserve the youth of our families in their attachment to the Church of their fathers.

The agent appointed last year was before the committee, and gave a statement of his labors and traveling expenses; and they are satisfied that his labors have been beneficial to the Sunday-school cause, as the Minutes will abundantly show.

The Conference also adopted the PLAN.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. PATRICK G. GOODE, Vice-President of Sunday-School Union, Sidney, O.

DELAWARE DIST.—Rev. L. B. Gurley, Delaware, O., J. W. Bain, Marion, O.

SIDNEY DISTRICT—Rev. H. S. Bradley, Bucyrus, O., S. M. Cowan.

LIMA DISTRICT—Rev. J. M. Holmes, H. Grove, Lima, O.

FINDLAY DISTRICT—Rev. Thomas Parker, Findlay, O., C. A. Croninger.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—Rev. J. Ayres, Toledo, O., G. W. Renolds, Maumee City, O.

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the Sunday-school cause is one of vast importance to the children and youth of our country, and one which is vitally connected with the dearest interests of the Church of God; and *Whereas* our Sunday-school statistics show a decrease during the past year in every item except two; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we *pledge* ourselves to renewed and *increased* effort in behalf of this holy cause.

2. *Resolved*, That we *will take* a collection in all our charges in behalf of the Sunday-School Union during the coming conference year.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the preacher in charge at the seat of our next conference, in connection with the officers of the Sunday-School Society, to make arrangements for a public Sunday-school anniversary, to be held at an early period during the session; Thursday evening of the first week being the time preferred.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. E. BIGELOW, Vice-President of Sunday-School Union.

DETROIT DISTRICT—Rev. D. C. Jacokes, W. M. M'Connell, Pontiac.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT—Rev. Wm. Benson, Pinckney, O. L. Munn, Ann Arbor.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—Rev. F. W. Warren, Samuel Doughty, Adrian.

FLINT DISTRICT—Rev. G. Taylor, W. Patterson, Flint.

ROMEO DISTRICT—Rev. E. W. Borden, J. A. Tinsman, Romeo.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—Rev. J. H. Burnham, Ontonagon.

EAST GENESEE CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENEVA DISTRICT—Rev. M. Wheeler, Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., Dr. J. Brewer.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT—Rev. J. N. Brown, J. W. Stebbins, Rochester, N. Y.

WEST ROCHESTER DISTRICT—Rev. D. Nutten, Avon, Livingston Co., N. Y., H. Ray.

BATH DISTRICT—Rev. J. Landreth, Rushville, Ontario Co., N. Y., S. Lyon.

CORNING DISTRICT—Rev. A. S. Baker, Corning, Steuben Co., J. M. Wood.

ELMIRA DISTRICT—Rev. T. B. Hudson, Elmira, Chemung Co., D. Decker.

TROY DISTRICT—Rev. D. Ferris, Troy, Bradford Co., Pa., M. Ballard.

HORNELLSVILLE DISTRICT—Rev. H. N. Seaver, Hornellsville, Steuben Co., N. Y., S. Taylor.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we regard the system of Sunday schools as one of the greatest instrumentalities for *good* devised since the apostolic age.

2. *Resolved*, That the Sunday school is emphatically missionary in its work and character, and is peculiarly adapted to the diffusion of Gospel light among all classes; and in view of the certainty of success with which this enterprise is attended, we will give the Sunday-school collection equal place with that of the Bible Society in our minds and efforts.

3. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor to understand and to imbue our minds with the spirit of the rules enacted at the last General Conference upon the subject of Sunday schools, and the religious training of children; and we pledge ourselves to carry out those rules to our utmost ability.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. M. BLAKE, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union.

PORTLAND DISTRICT—Rev. A. Sanderson, Henry C. Lovell.

GARDNER DISTRICT—Rev. J. M'Millan, George W. Duncan.

READFIELD DISTRICT—Rev. C. F. Allen, Charles Kimball.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. HOPKINS, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT—Rev. N. Shumate, J. W. Heath, St. Louis.

INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT—Rev. B. F. Wilson, Isaac Watson, Independence.

PLATTE DISTRICT—Rev. J. Witten, Darius Laughlan, Richfield.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—Rev. J. L. Conklin, J. C. Waugh, Hannibal.

GRAND RIVER DISTRICT—Rev. J. E. Burton, G. Gibburt, Athens.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

The committee, appointed to act in the interim of the conference, as well as at the present session, held their first meeting at Boston, in August. After mature deliberation, they sent to the several schools within the bounds of the conference a recommendation of the plan for Sunday-school conventions, suggested in the report of the Secretary of the Sunday-School Union; they further suggested that greater emphasis be laid upon the importance of Sunday-school concerts for prayer, and Sunday-school missionary organizations.

By the early and efficient coöperation of the several district committees, eight conventions have been held, namely: four on the Boston, two on the Lynn, one on the Worcester, and one on the Springfield District. We believe much good has resulted, and when a plan has been matured for conducting them, we shall look for richer fruit.

To bring the question of the endorsement of such conventions clearly before the conference, and to secure action upon another point which we deem important, we present the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we believe the plan of District Sunday-School societies and conventions, now in operation among us, to be calculated to promote the best interests of the Sunday-school cause, and we recommend its continuance and more mature development.

2. *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Conference, the multiplicity of juvenile and other books, containing sentiments of pernicious moral influence, which are recommended as suitable for Sunday-school libraries, and the evident tendency of the public taste to light literature, make the duty of the purchase of books for our children one of preëminent importance. We do therefore earnestly recommend the selection of books for our Sunday schools, first from the catalogue of the Methodist Sunday-School Union, and then from other evangelical Sunday-school catalogues; and that books selected outside of these be examined with special care.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. ZACHARIAH A. MUDGE, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union.
BOSTON DISTRICT—Rev. J. H. Twombly, Boston, J. P. Magee, 5 Cornhill, Boston.

LYNN DISTRICT—Rev. Isaac Smith, Lynn, Mass., G. Haven, Malden, Mass.

WORCESTER DISTRICT—F. H. Newhall, Worcester, Mass., G. M. Buttrick, Barre, Mass.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT—Rev. Jeff. Hascall, Springfield, Mass., Leavitt Beals, Williamsburgh, Mass.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. CALVIN HOLMAN, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union.

DOVER DISTRICT—Rev. R. S. Rust, Geo. W. Wendall, Great Falls, N. H.

CONCORD DISTRICT—Rev. D. P. Leavitt, Geo. Thompson, Manchester.

CLAREMONT DISTRICT—Rev. G. W. H. Clark, Thos. Sanford, Claremont.

HAVERHILL DISTRICT—Rev. James Adams, A. M. Chase, Whitefield.

NEW-JERSEY CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report, that during the past year, in accordance with the plan adopted by the last Conference, Sabbath-school conventions have been held on the several districts, at which various questions connected with our Sunday schools were freely discussed and addresses delivered by both preachers and laymen. The tendency of these conventions, so far as held, has been, doubtless, to awaken greater zeal for the Sunday-school cause. The committee have learned, however, that in some of the districts, on account of the difficulties in communication and the want of a clearer understanding of the plan proposed, the conventions have failed to accomplish their object.

We are pleased to report a gratifying increase in the amount contributed this year for the Sunday-School Union, also in every other particular relating to our statistics. The committee respectfully present the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. *Resolved*, That until some simpler and more efficient plan is devised, we recommend the holding of district conventions wherever they are deemed practicable; and where the districts are large, let two or more district unions be organized and conventions held as often as convenient.

2. *Resolved*, That we will use our influence for the more extensive circulation of the Sunday-School Advocate, and *our own* Sunday-school books.

3. *Resolved*, That, in view of the increasing wants of our own country

and also of foreign lands, and the increasing demands upon the funds of the Sunday-School Union, we will use renewed efforts to increase the resources of this institution.

4. *Resolved*, That, in view of the wonderful activities of the age in disseminating Romanism and infidelity, we will strive with increasing efficiency to preoccupy the minds of our children with the precious truths of the Gospel.

5. *Resolved*, That the preacher in charge at the seat of our next conference, in connection with the committee, be authorized to make arrangements for the anniversary of our Sunday-School Union at as early a period in the session of the conference as is practicable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. S. COIT, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union, Madison, N. J.

NEWARK DISTRICT—Rev. M. E. Ellison, N. C. Ball, Newark.

PATERSON DISTRICT—Rev. C. H. Whitecar, J. M'Coy, Jersey City.

NEWTON DISTRICT—Rev. J. R. Adams, Port Jervis, A. Hogland, Towns-
bury, Warren Co.

RAHWAY DISTRICT—Rev. D. Graves, Clinton, E. Bryant, Plainfield.

TRENTON DISTRICT—Rev. J. B. Dobbins, W. S. Yard, Trenton.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—Rev. W. E. Perry, J. Peacock, Camden.

BRIDGETON DISTRICT—Rev. G. Hughes, T. V. F. Rusling, Salem.

NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

The condition of the Sunday-school cause within our conference limits is indicated by the summary of the statistics. [See table on page 71.]

These figures, though doubtless reliable so far as given, present but an imperfect view of our operations and success during the year. The reports from many circuits and stations are deficient in several important items, particularly in the amount collected for the Sunday-School Union, in the number of Sunday-School Advocates taken, and in the number of conversions; consequently there appears to be an incredible decrease of twenty-five per cent. in the circulation of the Sunday-School Advocate among us. Your committee therefore recommend for the adoption of the Conference the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the preachers on the several circuits and stations be, and they hereby are, earnestly requested to prepare their Sunday-school statistics with the utmost possible accuracy, and to present them on the second day of the sessions of this body; and that the presiding elders be responsible for the reports from those charges which are left to be supplied on their respective districts.

2. *Resolved*, That we will make vigorous efforts in all our charges to increase the circulation of the Sunday-School Advocate.

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT—Rev. J. W. T. M'Mullen, H. Tutewiler, Indianapolis.

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT—Rev. O. P. Boyden, Hagerstown, C. West.

MUNCIE DISTRICT—Rev. H. N. Barnes, Muncie, C. Goldthaite, Marion.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT—Rev. L. W. Munson, R. C. Filson, Fort Wayne.

PERU DISTRICT—Rev. A. Greenman, J. F. Dodd, Logansport.

WARSAW DISTRICT—Rev. J. J. Cooper, J. A. M'Henry, Wabash.

GOSHEN DISTRICT—Rev. N. Green, G. C. Merrifield, Goshen.

NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Sunday school, being the nursery of the Church, demands the combined efforts of the ministry and membership to render it eminently an institution for intelligent religious instruction.

2. *Resolved*, That we urge the conversion of the children at the earliest period, as the first object of Sunday-school instruction.

3. *Resolved*, That much of the inefficiency of our schools arises from lack of interest and study on the part of teachers. We most earnestly recommend a more thorough preparation, intellectually and spiritually, for the responsible work of teaching.

4. *Resolved*, That teachers should feel themselves in a solemn sense the guardians of the spiritual interests of their scholars, and should faithfully inculcate practical piety.

5. *Resolved*, That, wherever practicable, there should be teachers' meetings held each week, to discuss the Sunday-school lesson and to consult

on the best means of increasing the interest and promoting the improvement of the school.

6. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of every member of the Church, and especially every *parent*, to be connected with the Sunday school in some capacity.

7. *Resolved*, That, as Christian ministers, we will labor with more zeal and energy to promote the interests of this great auxiliary of the Church.

8. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the presiding elders of each district, in connection with the members of the committee in his district, to call one or more Sunday-school conventions this year.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REV. THOS. BARKDULL, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union.

SANDUSKY DISTRICT—Rev. A. Wheeler, Wm. St. John, Sandusky, O.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—Rev. M. K. Hard, E. C. Griswold, Elyria, O.

MANSFIELD DISTRICT—Rev. H. L. Parrish, Mansfield, O., Rev. M. L. Starr, Penfield, O.

MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT—Rev. D. Rutledge, Thos. Evans, Mt. Vernon, O.

WOOSTER DISTRICT—Rev. W. H. Seeley, Wm. Spear, Wooster, O.

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas the Conference, at its last session, adopted the plan proposed by the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-School Union; and,

Whereas it has not produced any practical good among us, but in nearly every district has failed; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That while we approve the design of that plan, we find it far too complicated for the production of any practical good among us.

2. *Resolved*, That we will, as heretofore, obey the call of the presiding elder of the district in which we labor, and, as far as practicable, attend a Sabbath-school convention, at such time and place as he may appoint.

3. *Resolved*, That the presiding elders be requested to consider it a legitimate part of their duty to call at least one such convention in each conference year.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

There are nearly three millions of children in the United States in attendance upon Sabbath schools, and nearly six hundred thousand of them are under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are every

Sabbath day gratuitously taught the word of God, their duty to themselves, their parents, and to their Redeemer. In view of these facts, as Christian ministers, we only reaffirm our ordination vows, when we say that we are determined to carry out more fully and zealously the rules of our excellent Discipline on this subject. It is our duty to give life and energy to these schools, by our presence and counsel. The lambs of the flock must be saved from the destroyer. Children are growing up in large numbers around us; they are going out from our families into the world; they must be cared for.

Your committee would take the liberty to suggest to the preachers in charge, to be exceedingly careful to employ teachers of *sound piety*, that they may practically enforce the truths they teach by a holy example, and instruct the children in experimental religion.

We submit for your consideration the following

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That, in view of the growing importance of Sabbath schools, as an institution of the Church, we recommend their continuance through the winter, where it is practicable.

2. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request the older members of our Church to coöperate more extensively in the cause of Sabbath-school education, by taking charge of Bible and Testament classes, instead of committing this important work to inexperienced youth.

3. *Resolved*, That, in view of the relation of baptized children to the Church, we recommend that they be formed into a juvenile class, by the preacher in charge, and that he appoint a judicious leader to meet them weekly, and instruct them in the nature of that relation, preparatory to their being received on probation, as indicated in the new Discipline, pages 31, 32.

4. *Resolved*, That, believing, as we do, that the Sunday-School Advocate is adapted to meet the wants of children, and tends to enlighten the mind, and elevate morals, therefore, we will use our endeavors to increase its circulation in our several charges.

OREGON CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we are thoroughly convinced of the great importance of our Sunday schools, as auxiliaries to the ministry in the spread of the Gospel and conversion of souls; and that we will devote our earliest attention, earnest prayers, and zealous efforts to increase their number and efficiency.

2. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor to carry out the provisions of our Discipline, by organizing schools in all our congregations, where ten children can be collected for this purpose, by preaching upon the subject before our several congregations and schools, at least once in six months, by recommending the supply of libraries from the publications of our Sunday-School Union, and taking collections for the same, and by encouraging the use and study of our standard Catechisms, in the Sunday schools and in families.

3. *Resolved*, That we will, publicly and privately, urge all adult persons under our care to attend the Sunday school, and, if not otherwise employed, to organize themselves into Bible-classes.

4. *Resolved*, That, as we believe the Sunday-School Advocate well calculated to impress the minds of the young with the necessity of early experimental and practical piety, we will endeavor to increase its circulation, by soliciting, not merely private subscriptions, but also public contributions, to the end that a copy may be placed in every family attending upon our ministrations.

PEORIA CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

PEORIA DISTRICT—Rev. A. Magee, Farmington, J. Brown, Peoria.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—Rev. A. Fisher, Avon, O. P. Swarts, Abingdon, O.

ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT—Rev. I. S. Cumming, Oquanka, J. Ashbaugh, Miller's Grange.

KEWANA DISTRICT—Rev. C. M. Wright, Sheffield, J. H. Wilbur, Lafayette.

LA SALLE DISTRICT—Rev. H. G. Murch, Metamora, F. Rowe, La Salle.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—Rev. N. H. Gregg, D. Trimmer, Hudson.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. WM. COOPER, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—Rev. J. A. Roche, John Fernley, Phila.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—Rev. G. D. Bowen, E. J. Kenney, Philadelphia.

READING DISTRICT—Rev. E. Miller, Mauch Chunk, Pa., M. Bailey.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—Rev. J. T. Cooper, G. W. Sharks, Wilmington, Del.

EASTON DISTRICT—Rev. C. Karsner, J. Crouch, Dover, Del.

SNOW HILL DISTRICT—Rev. J. F. Chaplain, Newtown, Md., T. W. Anderson.

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

We are highly delighted with the result of our investigations of the Sunday-school cause in the bounds of the Pittsburgh Conference, inasmuch as we can report an increase in all our Sunday-school statistics, except in the item of conversions a slight decrease.

But, upon the whole, we have great cause of gratitude to God, that he still smiles upon the nursery department of our beloved Methodism ; therefore,

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we have renewed cause of gratitude to God for his blessings upon our Sunday-school cause ; and that we put forth a vigorous effort to make our schools the nurseries of piety.

2. *Resolved*, That we kindly urge our more aged and experienced membership to engage more generally as teachers in our Sunday schools, believing thereby the cause will be greatly advanced.

3. *Resolved*, That we respectfully recommend to our people generally the use of our own Sunday-school publications, as the best adapted to the end proposed ; and that we prefer them to those sold by colporteurs among some of our people, to the advantage of other publishing houses, and the disadvantage of our own.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

R. HOPKINS, President. T. M. HUDSON, Vice-President.

J. L. READ, Treasurer. Z. H. COSTIN, Secretary.

W. Lynch, W. Cox,

H. S. Chapman, W. H. Locke,

J. Grant, W. Stewart,

C. A. Holmes, A. Scott,

J. Coil, M. L. Weekly,

W. W. Roup, G. G. Watters,

W. D. Lemon, S. P. Wolff,

I. C. Pershing, A. Harmount,

D. P. Mitchell, T. M'Cleary.

PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

Your committee have examined the "Circular of the Sunday-School Union," which was referred to us, and we respectfully recommend for your adoption the "Plan of Operations" therein mentioned.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we are truly grateful to God for the past success of the Sunday-school cause, and that we will show our gratitude in greatly increased efforts, both in sustaining and enlarging our schools already established, and in planting new schools in every providential opening.

2. *Resolved*, That Charles A. Merrill, Charles Nason, and N. Bemis be the speakers at our next anniversary.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

PROVIDENCE DISTRICT—Rev. Robert Allen, Preston Bennet, Providence.

NEW-LONDON DISTRICT—Rev. G. W. Brewster, A. C. Tift, Mystic Bridge.

SANDWICH DISTRICT—Rev. H. W. Houghton, John S. Fish, Sandwich.

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

The Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully report, that by a very careful comparison of the statistics of the last year with those of the present year, we find an encouraging increase in every department of our Sunday-school interests. It will be remembered that a few of the charges formerly represented in the districts reported to this conference this year are now embraced in the Peoria and Upper Iowa Conferences, and therefore we shall not appear as favorably in the minutes as an exact enumeration of separate charges would enable us to do.

We note with special satisfaction a very considerable increase in the number of scholars in infant classes. It is an acknowledged fact that the first four or five years of childhood often determine the character of a whole life. The importance, therefore, of correct religious culture at that critical period cannot be over-estimated.

The financial aspects of the Sunday-school cause within our bounds are cheering. We are gradually liquidating the debt we owe the Sunday-School Union, and at the same time our home expenditures for Sunday-school purposes are steadily increasing. Still we are sorry to see that there are many charges that have reported no money for the Sunday-School

Union. When the beneficent operation of that institution is considered, we believe that the people of every charge will be glad to contribute liberally to its funds. While we regret that such unanimity has not prevailed through the conference on this specific subject, as the resolutions passed at its last session would require, we are filled with hope by the improvement which appears in the statistical reports.

A resolution was passed one year ago, recommending the holding of district Sunday-school conventions. We regret that we have no means of ascertaining the effect of that recommendation.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we will make an effort in all our charges to raise an average of five cents per member for the Sunday-School Union during the next conference year.

2. *Resolved*, That we will organize all our Sunday schools into missionary societies, according to the recommendation of the Discipline, and take collections on the first Sabbath in each month.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. JOHN SHEPHERD, Nashville, Vice-President of Sunday-School Union.

LEBANON DISTRICT—Rev. T. W. Jones, Pocahontas, B. J. Randle.

ALTON DISTRICT—Rev. J. Earp, Alton, J. F. Smith, Jerseyville.

SALEM DISTRICT—Rev. T. A. Eaton, H. Moore, Salem.

MOUNT CARMEL DISTRICT—Rev. A. B. Nesbit, T. J. Shannon, Mount Carmel.

MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT—Rev. A. Campbell, Mount Vernon.

EQUALITY DISTRICT—Rev. A. Ransom, G. Garland, Equality.

JONESBOROUGH DISTRICT—Rev. J. C. Willoughby, V. G. Kimber.

TROY CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

Our ascended Lord and Master, while upon earth, manifested a special interest in the young, and before he departed, in addition to the general commission to preach the Gospel to every creature, he gave this particular charge, "Feed my lambs." In accordance with this, our Discipline wisely enjoins upon us, as ministers, diligently to instruct the children in every place.

It must be obvious to all that in the present day we scarcely reach the children and youth with religious instruction except through the Sunday school, and means essentially connected therewith. If, then, we would preach the Gospel to these, if we would save these from evil influences, and plant in the soil of their hearts the good seed of the kingdom before it is utterly overrun with pernicious weeds, the Sunday school must be sustained.

The results of every revival of religion speak volumes in favor of the Sunday school, in the superior religious character of those who have had the benefit of its training. Among these are found the largest proportion of our most intelligent and useful members. And to this we are learning to look as the best school in which our young ministers are to begin their studies and labors.

But it is not alone the religious culture of the children and youth that is to be secured by this agency. We shall find more ready access to their parents and friends, both in our pulpit ministrations and our pastoral labors. In many cases, indeed, it is only by first securing the children that the parents can be reached at all. Facts are abundant in the history of this enterprise, where families and whole neighborhoods have been brought under Gospel influence by first gathering the children into the Sunday school.

In the large cities within our bounds, Sunday schools have been established with special reference to those degraded portions of the population which are generally entirely neglected. We learn with gratitude the good that is being accomplished by these efforts, and would call attention to the fact that in almost every considerable village, and, indeed, in most rural districts, there will be found very many of this very class. Either by establishing schools in the localities, or by putting forth special efforts to bring them into schools already established, we should extend our Sunday-school labors until not a child or youth in the land is neglected.

But let it be remembered that, in prosecuting this work, it is not enough that some of our people are engaged in these labors, and that we speak a word of encouragement; we must go into the school ourselves, and personally invite the attendance of both old and young. We cannot, in fact, confer a greater benefit upon our people than by getting them heartily engaged in this work. Let our own hearts be full of the great central idea of the Sabbath-school enterprise, the bringing of the children and youth of our congregations and communities to Christ, their sound conversion by the renewing of the Holy Ghost; let this spirit be infused among our people, and their whole religious character will be improved and every interest of the Church will receive a new impulse.

We are aware that many excuse themselves on the plea that they are not suited to this particular work. But we believe that in no case is this

a valid excuse. We shall be qualified for no work without effort directed to that end. And we are fully persuaded that every one, who will duly consider the importance of this agency for good, and honestly and earnestly direct to it his attention, will not only secure the requisite qualification, but will acquire a taste for Sunday-school labors.

We learn that in many instances our schools are suspended during the winter. We believe there is no reason whatever why it should be so, and that if we would unitedly undertake to effect a reform we might secure the continuance of every Sunday school through the whole year.

We are sorry to note in the statistics a slight decrease in the number of conversions reported, and but a small increase in the contributions to the Sunday-School Union.

In conclusion we offer this

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we are more than ever convinced of the importance of the Sunday-school enterprise, and pledge ourselves anew to every part of the work it imposes.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. G. DIMMITT, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union.

DUBUQUE DISTRICT—Rev. D. N. Holmes, Dubuque, Wm. Johnson, M. D., Centralia, Iowa.

DAVENPORT DISTRICT—Rev. R. W. Keeler, Davenport, J. W. Martin, Maquoketa, Iowa.

IOWA CITY DISTRICT—Rev. Rufus Ricker, Tipton, Jesse Bowen, M. D., Iowa City, Iowa.

UPPER IOWA DISTRICT—Rev. G. Clifford, C. R. Bent, West Union, Iowa.

JANESVILLE DISTRICT—Rev. J. G. Witted, J. M'Knight, Waterloo, Iowa.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—Rev. J. W. Stewart, Booneborough, Thomas Taylor, Toledo, Iowa.

SIoux CITY and SERGEANT'S BLUFFS DISTRICT—Rev. L. Taylor, S. P. Yeoman, Sioux City, Iowa.

IOWA GERMAN MISS. DISTRICT—Rev. L. Kunz, Wm. Wigman, Galena, Ill.

MINNESOTA GERMAN MISS. DISTRICT—Rev. Philip Funk, Red Wing, Lewis Kreiger, St. Paul, Min.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That as Christian ministers we will labor with increased energy and zeal to sustain this cause, by frequently preaching to the children, and instructing them in the knowledge and love of Christ.

2. *Resolved*, That the interest in our Sabbath schools would be greatly increased were parents and guardians to accompany the children there; therefore, we will urge all adults under our care to attend and take part in the exercises.

3. *Resolved*, That the Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church is worthy of our warmest support, and we will carry out, as far as practicable, its plans as set forth in the Sunday-School Manual.

4. *Resolved*, That while we admit that the Sunday-School Advocate has sustained a high reputation as a Sunday-school paper, we do most earnestly desire that it may, in future, be made more of a *Child's* paper.

5. *Resolved*, That, although we have highly esteemed Rev. Dr. Kidder as the editor of our Sunday-school literature, we do most cordially welcome Rev. Brother Wise to this important work.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

The Committee on Sunday Schools present the following as their report:

Your committee are aware of the difficulties attending the Sabbath-school enterprise in some portions of the territory within the bounds of our Conference, owing in part to the sparseness of the population; yet we fear its claims are not presented to our people as frequently and earnestly as its importance demands. Your committee have arrived at this conclusion from the fact that from some thirty of the charges in our Conference no Sabbath-school report has been received at the present session. In other portions of our work we are gratified to learn that much has been done in promoting this noble enterprise. The reports at the present session show that no less than two hundred and forty-five Sabbath-school scholars have been happily converted to God during the past year.

Feeling convinced of the necessity of improvement in attention to this subject within the bounds of our work, we would respectfully submit the following for adoption:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That each preacher of this Conference be, and is hereby earnestly requested to preach on this subject, and organize Sabbath schools wherever it is practicable.

2. *Resolved*, That the presiding elders are requested to inquire at each quarterly meeting if the above resolution has been carried into effect.

3. *Resolved*, That the preachers of this Conference urge it upon our people to keep as many Sabbath schools open during the year as possible.

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

This Conference adopted the PLAN.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT—Rev. J. Lawson, Wm. Grindell, Platteville.

MINERAL POINT DISTRICT—Rev. H. Wood, Dodgeville, W. H. Curry, Mineral Point.

MADISON DISTRICT—Rev. C. E. Weirick, D. H. Wright, Madison.

POINT BLUFF DISTRICT—Rev. R. Fancher, Delton, John Myers, Baraboo.

LA CROSSE DISTRICT—Rev. D. M'Indoe, Black River Falls, W. J. Tucker, Sparta.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN DISTRICT—Rev. J. Pardun, Eastman, A. Pelton, Prairie Du Chien.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.**SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**

Rev. ELMORE YOCUM, Vice-President of the Sunday-School Union.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT—Rev. George Fellows, Oconomowoc, E. Emory, Milwaukee.

RACINE DISTRICT—W. G. Miller, Brother Langlois, Racine.

JANESVILLE DISTRICT—Rev. Robert Blackburn, Beloit, John L. Kimball.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—Rev. George Chester, David D. Kelsey.

BEAVER DAM DISTRICT—Rev. R. Moffatt, L. D. Olin.

FOND DU LAC DISTRICT—Rev. Wm. Rowbotham, John Clum, Fond du Lac.

APPLETON DISTRICT—Rev. J. C. Aspenwall, Fall River, Joseph Rork, Appleton.

NORWEGIAN DISTRICT—Rev. Steen Steenson, John S. Bangs.

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

REPORT.

It is the opinion of your committee that no institution of the Church promises more for the Church and for the world than our Sabbath schools; and that it is the only means by which the children of our congregations can be generally reached and impressed with moral and religious truth. By this means our children are to be converted to God and gathered into the Church. By this means our youth are to be morally qualified for the coming responsibilities of life. We are happy to say that two hundred and thirty-one have been converted to God the past year, some fifty-eight more than last year. There is a small advance on the collections for the Sunday-School Union. Upon a review of the whole matter, your committee is of the opinion that such is the importance of the subject, that a more vigorous effort is demanded and will be justified upon the part of the members of this body.

We beg leave to offer the following

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we will in all practicable ways labor to promote the interests of our Sabbath schools.
2. *Resolved*, That we will preach and take up a collection in behalf of the Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in all of the charges of Wyoming Conference.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

BREMEN, Sept. 18, 1856.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

DEAR BROTHER,—At the session of our German Mission Conference, held in Bremen, September 12, 1856, the following resolutions were passed:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, To support, by all the means within our power, our Sunday schools already in existence, and this by encouraging our members to take an active part in them, and also to give them our own assistance where it is needful.
2. *Resolved*, To commence new schools wherever it is practicable.

3. *Resolved*, To render our most hearty thanks to the Sunday-School Union of our Church for their effectual aid which they have granted unto us for the support of our Sunday schools in Germany.

4. *Resolved*, As the field of our labor is enlarging, and with it our wants, we most earnestly and respectfully request the Sunday-School Union furthermore to assist us with their effectual aid according to these our pressing and increasing wants.

5. *Resolved*, That we deem the "Kinderfreund" as a needful and effectual help for the prosperity of our Sunday schools.

The above, according to resolution, is most respectfully transmitted to you, together with our Christian salutations.

Yours in Christ,

C. H. DOERING, Secretary.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT OF THE MISSION IN GERMANY.

BREMEN, Dec. 20, 1856

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

DEAR BROTHER,—It makes me a great pleasure to give you an *annual* report of our Sunday schools in Germany, for most all of them are in a very prosperous condition. They are not only a great blessing for the children, but they are also of great importance for the spread of our other mission work, and, therefore, we commence Sabbath schools wherever it is possible. In the beginning, certainly, we have to take such teachers as we can get. Often they are not converted; but by attending to the school they are induced to come to the Bible-class, and to our other meetings, and in this way they are soon brought to the feet of Christ, and learn from him, that they may be able to teach the children. In this way many young persons have been converted to God.

The children, loving our Sunday school, often try to persuade their parents to visit our preaching. The pastor, as well as the teachers, take opportunity to visit the parents of the children, and speak with them on the necessity to seek the salvation of their souls, try to persuade them to visit our meetings; and in this way the parents are also profited; and many of the parents of our Sunday-school children have become afterward members of our Church.

We are much obliged to the Sunday-School Union for the ample support we received in the past year, so that we not only have been able to pay the debts of our Sunday-school society from the year before, but could also support the old and newly-established schools with the necessary books. Through the beautiful cuts which we could buy from our Book Concern in New-York, we were enabled to embellish our "Kinderfreund,"

which owes its existence and continuance principally to the Sunday-School Union, in such way that it is well received wherever it goes. It is the only children's paper in Germany that preaches vital religion to the children and invites them to seek the conversion of their souls. Many Christians in Germany do not believe that the children have understanding enough to experience the power of God; they seem to forget entirely that, though the power of the Gospel is hid from the wise and prudent, the Lord has revealed it unto babes, and that out of the mouth of babes and sucklings the Lord has perfected praise. However, the "Kinderfreund" has received in the past year a good many subscribers, so that from fourteen hundred volumes not one complete volume is left. We shall publish two thousand copies next year. We have by this opportunity to acknowledge our gratitude to our Brother Rand, in Boston, and to the Religious Tract Society in London, for the beautiful cuts we have received from them.

We published this year for our Sunday school, "Pictorial Gatherings," and "Forget me Not," two Scripture verses and a verse of a hymn for every day of the year. We hope to publish next year several translations of the Sunday-School Union's publications.

BREMEN—George-Street Chapel and Neustadt Sunday Schools, under the charge of Rev. L. Nippert.

George-Street Chapel Sunday School.—This is the oldest Sunday school in our work, and though we have not seen that fruit which we expected, still many children have been profited by it, and some have been converted to God, and are at present teachers. I am fully convinced that on the great day when the Lord will make up his jewels, many will praise his holy name for the instruction they received in their youth in this Sabbath school. During the last year other Churches commenced Sabbath schools in Bremen; but our school has never been better and more regularly attended than the past year. We have at present twenty-nine teachers, three hundred and thirty-one children, and about five hundred volumes in library. Brother Nippert superintends the Sunday school himself.

Neustadt Sunday School has about eighty children, with eight teachers. We are sorry that we will be obliged to give up this Sunday school, because the rent of the room is so high, and the Missionary Society is in debt. Could not the Sunday-School Union pay the rent? If so, we should have soon an answer. About \$40 per annum.

Steffensweg Chapel Sunday School, in Bremen, under the charge of L. S. Jacoby.—This chapel lies in the midst of gardeners and poor laboring men. There are a great many children, but it is very hard to persuade the parents to send them to the school, the Sunday being to them a work day, as much as any other one of the week. However, we have more than one hundred children in regular attendance, with fourteen teachers.

and one superintendent. The children are very attentive and diligent, and several of them have learned by heart the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of the Gospel of St. Matthew, and have recited them without leaving out one word.

Farge, (English Sunday School), under the charge of L. S. Jacoby.—The most of the English laborers that work here in the Queensware Pottery returned to England, and also my superintendents and teachers. I had to appoint an unconverted man for a superintendent, but I hope it will become a blessing to his soul. We have about twenty children and three teachers. Some of the children are very attentive, and learn by heart parts of the Scripture. I catechise the children every time when I am there to preach.

Hastedt, Vegesack, and Uesen, under the charge of Rev. L. Nippert.

Hastedt.—This is a very interesting school, and we have here very promising children; one superintendent, nine teachers, and eighty scholars.

Vegesack.—This school is still under the superintendence of Brother Poppe; eight teachers and eighty scholars.

Uesen.—Here our schools have suffered much through the bigotry of the new pastor. He told the parents that he would not confirm the children that attend our school, and, as it is impossible for them to learn a trade without being confirmed, they had to withdraw from our school. We have now only two teachers and ten scholars.

Bremerhaven and Brake, under the charge of Rev. E. Riemenschneider.—These schools are in a very flourishing condition. They are well attended, the scholars show great diligence in learning, and the most of them are well informed with the plan of salvation. May the Lord give them soon a new heart. Bremerhaven has one superintendent, thirteen teachers, one hundred and eighteen children, and one hundred and ten volumes in library. They have learned by heart, in the last four months, nine thousand four hundred and thirty-one Scripture verses. In Brake, where Brother Bruns, the helper of Brother Riemenschneider, attends principally to the school, there are eight teachers and sixty children.

Hamburg, under the charge of Rev. E. Peters.—The school here is promising, and has lately exercised a very good influence upon the parents. Brother P. superintends the school himself; eight teachers and seventy scholars.

SOUTH GERMANY. *Rev. H. Nuelsen, Missionary.*—Seven Sunday schools, seventeen teachers, and three hundred scholars.

Frankfort-on-the-Maine.—Here is a good and interesting school, and the children are very attentive. One of the boys, who has attended the school

from the commencement, and who gives signs of piety, is anxious to become a missionary.

There exist also Sunday schools in *Friedrichsdorf, Heilbronn, Illingen, Enzingen, Pirmasens, and Bischwiller*. I am sorry to say that Brother Nuelsen has given me no particulars, but only the number.

Saxony.—By reason of the persecution our brethren suffered here, we have only been able to retain one Sabbath school under the charge of our missionary, Brother O. Dietrich. We have here thirty children and one teacher.

RECAPITULATION.

	Children.	Teachers.	Superintendents.	Library Vols
BREMEN:				
George-street Chapel.....	331	29	—	500
Neustadt	80	1	1	—
Steffensweg Chapel.....	100	14	1	—
BREMEN CIRCUIT:				
Farge, (English).....	20	3	1	50
Hastedt	80	9	1	—
Vegeſack	80	8	1	—
Uesen	10	2	—	—
Bremerhaven Mission.....	118	13	1	110
Brake Mission.....	60	8	—	—
Hamburg Mission	70	8	—	—
South Germany.....	300	70	5	—
Saxony.....	30	1	—	—
Friedrichsdorf, (1855)	80	—	1	—
Heilbronn, (1855).....	30	—	1	—
Illingen, (1855).....	20	—	1	—
Pirmasens, (1855).....	70	4	1	—
Total.....	1,479	170	15	660

The new mission in Switzerland has not yet been able to commence Sunday schools, but we shall attend to it as soon as possible. At all our schools we have our celebrations on Christmas day, the expenses of which, though pretty considerable, are paid by the different schools. But let me repeat, my dear sir, that we depend, for the expenses of all other books and libraries, entirely on the support of the Sunday-School Union; and I doubt not that you will liberally remember us at the first meeting of the Board.

I remain, dear brother, yours in Christ,

LUDWIG S. JACOBY.

R E P O R T
OF THE
B O A R D O F M A N A G E R S,
JANUARY, 1857.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL PROGRESS.

THE rapid growth of the Sunday school is one of the most remarkable facts of the age. In less than three quarters of a century, from being a feeble, unpromising little plant, it has grown into a majestic and thrifty tree, which is firmly rooted in the affections of the Christian Church, which spreads its branches far over the globe, and drops its rich fruit into the lap of almost every Protestant Church on the face of the earth. At its origin, it was nothing more than a group of ragged and dirty boys learning to read their mother tongue, on a Sabbath morning, under the guidance of a hired teacher, who was paid for her labor by the liberality of Robert Raikes ; now, it is an institution educating at least seven millions of children for heaven by means of more than one million of gratuitous instructors. Once it was watched by astute statesmen with a jealous eye, and not a few, even among good men, feared it was as likely to do evil as good. But now good men value it as a fountain of hallowed influ-

ences to society, and our wisest statesmen confess it to be the great religious educator of the people's children, the handmaid and guardian of the common school, the most efficient of coadjutors in the suppression of crime, and in promoting the highest prosperity of the state. Once even the Church granted it little more than frigid toleration, and supported it with stinted means; but now she esteems it as one of her necessities; she sustains it with affectionate zeal and steadily-increasing liberality; she watches over it with jealous care; she carefully cultivates it as the nursery in which her future members, ministers, and missionaries are to be trained, and from which her future increase is to be derived.

These are great results achieved in a wonderfully brief period. Who can review them without exclaiming, "What hath God wrought?" Who can studiously contemplate them without having the conviction forced upon him that the Sunday school has been providentially raised up to act no unimportant part in the great work of the world's evangelization, and, consequently, that it is every good man's duty to contribute to its efficiency and expansion?

That we may judge how far our own Church is impressed with a sense of the value of this growing institution, we will examine the statistics of her operations in this department for the past year. Statistics may be dull reading; but they are invaluable indicators of the state of public opinion, and of the condition of the cause to which they relate. To the student, who looks below the surface of passing events for the moral history of his times, they are invaluable, because they furnish him a reliable basis for his reasonings, and are also a safe guide to him in the formation of his opinions. We hope, therefore, that no one will complain of the space they occupy in this report, which, in fact, derives its chief value from these truth-telling figures.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

(Not reported for 1856.)

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	No. Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of S. Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Bible Classes.	No. of Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of Schools this Year.	Amount raised for the S. S. Union.	Sunday-School Advocates taken.	No. of Conversions.
Baltimore	81	1,412	8,069	22,399	148	1,195	\$3,276	\$650	1,554	252
North Baltimore .	82	1,257	7,004	16,370	144	1,180	2,160	199	940	281
Potomac	42	650	3,658	8,926	90	574	1,166	84	602	135
Lewisburgh . . .	72	604	2,569	8,505	62	285	536	189	218	105
Rockingham . . .	65	628	2,351	7,922	69	279	341	89	197	70
Winchester . . .	62	734	3,102	11,519	51	203	333	114	188	126
Frederic	55	737	2,814	11,741	52	227	403	60	249	69
Cumberland . . .	66	855	3,612	11,469	65	393	660	56	283	116
Bellefonte . . .	72	871	4,161	13,474	109	611	796	129	471	138
Northumberland .	100	1,302	5,816	21,591	127	996	1,135	255	691	214
Carlisle	88	1,003	5,018	20,297	103	335	885	159	643	83
Total	785	10,053	48,174	154,213	1,020	6,278	11,691	1,984	6,036	1,589
Total of 1855.	736	9,690	47,530	146,452	964	5,641	10,852	1,338	6,273	1,705
Increase . . .	49	363	644	7,761	56	637	839	646	...	...
Decrease . . .	..	...	....	.....	..	...	...	...	237	116

BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE.

Rome	61	593	2,866	6,277	41	334	292	41	374	61
Syracuse	17	196	1,081	2,742	18	99	344	8	468	71
Oswego	38	387	1,590	4,759	19	130	264	4	405	41
Camden	50	477	1,771	5,325	26	96	143	13	329	43
Adams	32	332	1,393	4,607	18	..	252	11	606	52
Watertown . . .	30	304	1,188	3,204	7	27	160	36	365	11
Ogdensburg . . .	25	145	753	2,203	10	60	65	18	178	34
Potsdam	51	301	1,395	3,670	23	52	152	24	314	23
Total	304	2,735	12,037	32,784	162	802	1,672	155	2,839	336
Last year . . .	315	2,827	12,343	33,781	162	636	1,416	142	3,239	290
Increase . . .	..	82	206	997	..	167	256	13	...	46
Decrease . . .	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	..

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

(Not reported for 1856.)

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

East Cincinnati .	27	463	3,220	11,505	52	433	1,091	36	687	122
West Cincinnati .	41	592	3,345	12,780	133	699	1,230	42	453	138
Dayton	32	445	2,629	8,946	24	533	435	16	501	68
Urbana	43	570	2,912	8,828	100	238	482	6	387	157
Xenia	53	641	3,551	12,233	79	469	342	35	439	91
Hillsborough . .	76	833	4,711	11,395	75	596	650	11	407	83
Georgetown . . .	68	759	4,172	13,124	126	394	542	8	382	89
Cincinnati German	21	215	697	4,684	45	313	265	34	688	15
Ohio German . . .	20	191	231	2,527	29	284	129	10	...	17
N. Ohio German .	17	144	673	2,350	36	293	110	11	80	9
Michigan German .	19	134	506	2,354	11	34	90	17	40	8
Total	417	4,987	26,647	90,726	710	4,286	5,366	226	4,064	797
Last year . . .	418	5,002	26,429	81,293	689	3,912	3,960	293	2,938	804
Increase . . .	..	..	218	9,433	21	374	1,406	..	1,126	..
Decrease . . .	1	15	..	..	..	..	..	67	....	7

DELAWARE CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	S.S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Delaware	42	440	2,363	7,189	39	188	\$434	\$34	313	119
Maumee	69	698	3,462	10,594	34	570	522	37	375	27
Sidney	60	648	3,546	8,163	43	478	334	30	390	88
Findlay	75	825	4,620	14,303	50	488	598	46	389	180
Total	246	2,611	13,991	40,249	166	1,724	1,888	147	1,467	414

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

Detroit	39	395	2,403	7,113	17	320	383	31	365	32
Ann Arbor . . .	26	255	1,109	4,877	16	107	200	19	323	51
Adrian	36	313	1,287	4,637	12	68	172	20	142	36
Flint	40	364	1,268	5,201	13	56	332	9	329	68
Romeo	47	382	1,823	6,483	16	71	272	8	359	61
Lake Superior . .	5	46	273	1,150	4	17	84	..	20	3
Total	193	1,755	8,163	29,461	78	639	1,443	87	1,538	251

EAST GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Geneva	28	330	1,713	4,642	21	212	426	28	573	60
Rochester . . .	40	579	2,788	8,643	42	397	700	59	928	44
West Rochester .	52	545	2,273	7,652	30	173	288	52	629	52
Bath	36	312	1,426	3,377	12	163	254	11	450	25
Corning	57	533	2,357	7,003	26	165	323	5	603	61
Elmira	40	425	2,178	6,675	10	256	297	8	439	11
Troy	67	695	2,888	9,122	31	237	302	14	278	18
Total	320	3,419	15,623	47,114	172	1,603	2,559	177	3,900	271
Last year . . .	336	3,524	16,375	47,169	176	1,975	2,929	271	4,158	397
Decrease . . .	16	105	752	55	4	372	370	94	258	126

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

Bangor	36	393	1,982	6,580	80	50	352	36	381	39
Rockland . . .	50	460	2,328	8,267	70	169	502	74	784	132
Bucksport . . .	57	544	3,046	10,263	60	268	477	60	783	110
Total	143	1,397	7,356	25,110	210	487	1,331	170	1,948	281
Last year . . .	109	1,228	5,571	17,746	158	408	960	165	1,785	276
Increase . . .	34	169	1,785	7,364	52	79	371	5	163	5

ERIE CONFERENCE.

Cleveland . . .	52	534	2,620	8,945	37	221	241	....	402	28
Ravenna	36	336	1,908	6,633	31	75	190	....	419	87
Warren	46	439	2,419	8,580	61	122	303	....	280	64
Erie	42	524	2,321	7,532	34	60	315	....	242	41
Meadville . . .	68	708	3,329	10,844	45	141	217	....	251	54
New-Castle . . .	45	484	2,436	8,329	25	173	277	....	54	19
Clarion	39	446	2,419	8,984	77	370	331	....	126	45
Jamestown . . .	55	507	2,190	7,635	23	123	263	....	197	48
Fredonia	40	428	1,786	5,868	20	105	197	....	487	23
Total	423	4,406	21,428	70,350	355	1,390	2,334	....	2,458	409
Last year . . .	430	4,836	20,610	70,608	333	1,858	2,219	....	2,400	522
Increase . . .	..	...	818	...	22	...	115	....	58	...
Decrease . . .	7	430	...	258	..	468	...	....	..	113

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	S.S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Buffalo	35	386	2,232	6,708	16	145	\$530	\$75	763	38
Niagara	42	494	2,315	6,301	26	277	417	48	706	57
Genesee	36	430	1,756	5,916	21	54	454	55	776	22
Wyoming	32	301	1,267	5,080	17	68	219	38	446	5
Olean	75	599	2,763	8,208	31	185	311	37	476	13
Total	220	2,210	10,333	32,213	111	729	1,931	253	3,167	135
Last year . .	239	2,593	10,476	32,882	136	883	1,684	324	3,301	226
Increase . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	247	..	..	..
Decrease . . .	19	383	143	669	25	154	..	71	134	91

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

(See page 70.)

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Vincennes . . .	48	425	2,098	4,655	33	222	....	1	50	57
Greencastle . .	32	355	1,564	5,310	19	90	....	13	85	61
Indianapolis . .	47	432	1,998	7,220	51	272	....	47	189	120
Bedford	43	258	1,358	3,731	43	85	....	3	8	80
New-Albany . .	31	325	1,800	4,775	36	362	....	18	276	68
Cannelton . . .	29	188	1,452	3,388	10	35	....	..	69	46
Evansville . . .	25	226	1,303	3,399	16	71	....	145	137	23
Total	255	2,209	11,573	32,378	208	1,137	....	227	814	455
Last year . . .	223	1,966	11,519	31,718	134	833	....	73	1,057	294
Increase . . .	32	243	54	660	74	304	....	54	..	161
Decrease . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	243	..

IOWA CONFERENCE.

Keokuk	37	368	1,949	6,290	12	201	505	80	323	71
Burlington . . .	24	307	1,807	4,231	16	75	414	123	78	69
Muscatine . . .	35	374	1,765	7,251	23	424	225	48	186	47
Oskaloosa . . .	48	441	2,244	7,938	45	261	282	22	80	70
Albia	35	578	1,524	3,575	30	146	271	30	56	60
Fort Des Moines .	30	234	2,600	378	21	60	139	19	61	14
Council Bluffs .	20	109	775	1,581	11	25	53	20	..	..
Total	229	2,411	12,664	33,944	158	1,192	1,889	342	784	331

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

No. & So. Kansas	12	60	275	900	2	4	..	..	..	..
Nebraska	8	15	132	350	..	..	25	..	27	..
Total	20	75	407	1,250	2	4	25	..	27	..

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

(Not reported for 1856.)

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

Winona	10	86	351	1,442	5	17	77	7	34	..
Redwing	6	36	264	843	6	37	113	3	82	10
St. Paul	9	62	281	1,456	4	76	146	2	176	15
Anniversary, etc. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..
Total	25	184	896	3,741	15	130	336	25	292	25

MAINE CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	S.S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Portland	38	518	2,030	11,178	85	141	\$672	\$98	961	124
Gardiner	35	391	3,772	7,988	68	138	721	47	736	61
Readfield	25	381	1,616	6,826	43	76	285	45	437	32
Conf. collection . .	..	...	....	....	..	..	...	13	...	..
Total	98	1,290	7,418	25,992	196	355	1,678	203	2,134	217
Last year	101	1,145	6,308	23,956	192	365	1,430	176	2,389	226
Increase . . . .	..	145	1,110	2,036	4	..	248	27	...	..
Decrease	3	...	....	....	..	10	...	..	255	9

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Marshall	50	388	2,121	6,292	22	50	192	24	440	42
Coldwater	48	432	1,997	6,266	19	118	240	63	377	39
Kalamazoo	62	444	1,863	7,073	23	164	307	32	297	53
Grand Rapids . . .	69	535	2,188	7,553	27	118	355	7	513	89
Indian Mission . .	5	10	140	180	..	..	5	..	...	..
Total	234	1,809	8,309	27,364	91	450	1,099	126	1,627	223
Last year	206	1,783	7,522	27,005	78	506	1,237	209	1,213	407
Increase	28	26	787	259	13	..	...	..	414	...
Decrease . . . .	..	..	...	....	..	56	138	83	...	184

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

St. Louis	6	71	371	1,825	4	..	85	..	100	32
Hannibal	9	56	325	870	3	..	..	..	66	16
Independence . . .	9	48	264	431	4	35	36	..	55	12
Total	24	175	960	3,126	11	35	121	..	221	60

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Boston	35	767	5,630	17,062	157	791	1,611	224	1,658	138
Lynn	34	829	5,166	15,355	238	708	1,289	192	1,367	102
Worcester	35	512	3,227	12,073	182	244	725	111	1,004	115
Springfield	31	409	2,389	8,367	95	338	339	61	617	57
Total	135	2,517	16,412	52,857	672	2,081	3,964	588	4,646	412
Last year	135	2,368	15,093	48,352	656	1,803	3,735	495	4,726	698
Increase . . . .	..	149	1,319	4,505	16	278	229	103	...	...
Decrease . . . .	..	...	....	....	..	...	...	...	80	286

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

Dover	28	429	3,169	9,932	145	227	736	120	1,114	85
Concord	26	323	2,326	8,560	126	168	523	63	624	84
Claremont	29	346	2,218	7,867	140	192	436	86	468	43
Haverhill	38	369	2,168	5,996	79	52	290	76	639	51
Total	121	1,467	9,881	32,355	490	639	1,985	345	2,845	263
Last year	119	1,430	9,538	31,355	516	529	1,700	249	2,881	329
Increase	2	37	343	1,000	..	110	285	96	...	...
Decrease . . . .	..	..	...	....	26	....	...	..	36	66

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

(Not reported for 1856.)

NEW-JERSEY CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	S.S. Advantages taken.	Conversions.
Paterson	50	723	4,503	17,022	52	749	\$190	\$218	1,040	76
Newark	42	711	4,460	14,954	110	832	972	356	1,111	75
Newton	90	706	4,124	12,887	12	40	418	112	491	130
Rahway	52	632	2,900	13,848	53	228	634	124	568	23
Trenton	74	835	5,367	17,756	87	619	779	254	1,238	164
Burlington . . .	77	1,069	5,544	17,610	81	629	804	189	1,090	115
Bridgeton . . .	73	945	5,083	14,424	61	247	433	192	1,034	164
Total	458	5,621	31,981	108,501	456	3,344	5,020	1,445	6,572	747
Total of 1854.	466	5,762	31,405	92,214	395	2,563	5,666	1,369	6,558	689
Increase . . .	...	...	576	16,287	61	781	...	76	14	58
Decrease . . .	8	141	...	...	..	...	646	..	..	..

NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

New-York East .	41	745	5,489	15,868	41	926	1,605	421	822	93
Long Island . .	92	1,443	10,492	25,210	105	2,076	2,710	352	2,185	216
New-Haven . . .	46	700	3,310	18,170	68	458	1,129	90	1,118	104
Hartford	42	456	1,921	10,304	49	163	253	46	610	22
Total	221	3,344	21,212	69,552	263	3,623	5,697	909	4,735	435
Last year . . .	217	3,294	20,335	63,147	263	3,294	5,207	570	6,418	620
Increase . . .	4	50	877	6,405	..	329	490	339	....	...
Decrease . . .	..	..	...	....	..	...	...	...	1,683	185

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Indianapolis . .	58	533	3,607	10,375	40	198	490	11	140	192
Centerville . . .	43	517	2,268	10,573	29	259	354	9	314	27
Marion	52	536	2,958	6,904	13	185	221	25	28	174
Fort Wayne . . .	58	592	2,567	9,013	37	222	229	9	142	74
Peru	45	260	2,014	3,307	20	146	108	2	85	9
Warsaw	47	463	1,993	5,467	21	309	259	3	126	137
Goshen	35	383	1,779	6,838	20	267	185	14	168	35
Total	338	3,284	17,186	52,477	180	1,586	1,846	73	1,003	648
Last year . . .	357	3,643	17,840	52,120	188	1,642	2,058	64	1,144	440
Increase . . .	...	...	...	357	..	...	...	9	...	208
Decrease . . .	19	359	654	...	8	56	212	..	141	...

NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

Mount Vernon . .	72	854	4,300	11,790	64	494	354	13	668	114
Mansfield . . .	56	631	3,128	11,491	51	533	407	40	360	44
Wooster	42	577	2,764	10,056	46	226	381	42	254	47
Cleveland . . .	52	460	2,473	8,309	25	169	342	48	438	93
Sandusky	27	308	1,715	6,341	27	234	321	23	438	28
Total	249	2,830	14,380	47,987	213	1,656	1,805	166	2,158	326
Last year . . .	239	2,835	14,666	52,023	199	1,436	1,700	48	1,909	331
Increase . . .	10	..	...	....	14	220	105	118	249	..
Decrease . . .	..	5	286	4,036	..	...	...	...	...	5

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	\$ S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Indianapolis . . .	35	314	1,801	5,061	18	99	\$255	\$. .	92	17
Greencastle . . .	28	221	1,528	4,999	16	134	149	11	173	69
Attica . . .	33	264	1,640	4,649	16	71	189	1	183	6
La Fayette . . .	28	272	1,415	4,103	38	138	127	4	151	42
South Bend . . .	30	243	1,532	3,669	17	161	132	10	120	57
La Porte . . .	40	340	1,702	6,228	24	383	247	34	355	68
Total . . .	194	1,654	9,618	28,709	129	986	1,099	60	1,074	259
Last year . .	195	1,792	9,580	27,560	108	677	1,281	30	1,027	283
Increase . . .	..	..	38	1,149	21	309	..	30	47	..
Decrease . . .	1	138	..	..	..	..	182	..	..	24

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Columbus . . .	78	769	3,805	13,899	87	580	612	16	478	45
Zanesville . . .	55	684	3,659	11,119	51	521	608	23	360	103
Lancaster . . .	59	796	3,583	14,362	50	292	471	48	477	87
Marietta . . .	91	889	4,593	17,827	46	270	378	13	691	303
Jackson . . .	96	857	3,926	11,236	97	449	417	8	307	170
Portsmouth . . .	79	798	4,186	13,870	73	537	643	40	538	143
Chillicothe . . .	61	664	3,069	11,315	63	534	381	26	1,401	89
Total . . .	519	5,457	26,821	93,628	467	3,183	3,510	174	4,252	940
Last year . .	483	5,127	26,989	88,244	437	3,517	3,199	160	2,936	858
Increase . . .	36	330	..	5,384	30	334	311	14	1,316	82
Decrease . . .	..	..	168	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

ONEIDA CONFERENCE.

Otsego . . .	45	448	1,902	7,692	21	139	261	25	550	18
Chenango . . .	37	396	1,713	5,297	26	122	138	14	447	70
Cortlandt . . .	37	320	1,405	4,993	25	67	139	9	579	30
Auburn . . .	45	446	2,069	6,924	17	193	304	20	680	18
Cazenovia . . .	49	530	2,181	7,882	21	101	284	39	565	25
Oneida . . .	32	407	2,664	6,471	35	300	548	18	698	37
Total . . .	245	2,547	11,934	39,259	145	922	1,674	126	3,519	198
Last year . .	254	2,475	11,504	38,206	127	875	1,653	100	2,990	227
Increase . . .	..	72	430	1,053	18	47	21	26	529	..
Decrease . . .	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29

OREGON CONFERENCE.

Wallamet . . .	17	118	598	2,011	10	27	162	..	153	16
Umqua . . .	6	28	178	200	4	61	16	..	24	20
Columbia River . .	12	76	386	1,385	9	15	339	20	80	17
Puget Sound . . .	6	31	115	950	4	..	10	7	20	..
Total . . .	41	253	1,277	4,546	27	103	527	27	277	53
Last year . .	58	357	1,330	6,246	19	66	656	..	377	117
Increase . . .	..	..	..	..	8	37	..	27	..	..
Decrease . . .	17	104	53	1,700	..	..	129	..	100	64

PEORIA CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	S.S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Peoria	47	494	2,178	8,943	23	308	\$368	\$32	522	76
Knoxville . . .	102	510	2,984	9,080	88	338	438	71	483	32
Rock Island . .	55	495	2,655	15,405	55	399	371	6	508	36
Peru	26	239	1,174	3,638	27	148	259	15	100	44
Washington . .	24	196	1,436	5,425	26	169	302	23	335	11
Total	254	1,934	10,427	42,491	219	1,362	1,738	147	1,948	199
Last year . .	198	1,867	8,915	29,875	126	836	1,875	160	1,840	209
Increase . . .	56	67	1,512	12,616	93	526	...	..	108	..
Decrease . . .	..	..	....	....	..	...	137	13	...	10

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

No. Philadelphia .	74	1,536	9,891	32,205	172	1,467	3,179	200	1,676	175
So. Philadelphia .	153	1,227	7,554	27,237	100	1,356	2,832	204	1,343	254
Reading	68	1,166	6,452	23,222	105	860	1,438	132	1,334	204
Wilmington . . .	93	1,346	7,254	22,657	78	681	1,267	283	1,121	91
Easton	83	855	4,573	13,408	25	375	687	142	308	78
Snow Hill	98	879	4,623	10,200	28	182	270	97	201	172
Total	469	7,009	40,347	128,929	508	4,921	9,673	1,058	5,983	974
Last year . . .	452	6,714	38,930	121,252	684	4,665	10,105	1,021	6,806	1,036
Increase . . .	17	295	1,417	7,677	...	256	...	37	...	..
Decrease . . .	..	...	....	....	176	...	432	..	823	62

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.

Pittsburgh . . .	35	512	2,929	8,240	80	488	1,627	71	721	166
Blairsville . . .	58	508	2,865	7,522	135	712	512	42	189	47
Uniontown . . .	38	486	2,246	7,239	62	304	320	37	92	19
Washington . . .	43	466	2,312	8,471	95	544	564	25	250	92
Alleghany . . .	37	528	3,395	8,500	124	336	591	32	47	194
Steubenville . .	58	740	3,789	11,464	140	320	392	68	322	155
Barnesville . . .	52	693	3,220	8,462	93	302	402	45	94	91
Cambridge . . .	59	698	3,383	10,158	72	274	237	18	40	81
M'Connellsville .	64	666	3,330	8,432	60	289	191	34	78	83
Total	444	5,297	27,469	78,488	861	3,569	4,836	372	1,833	934
Last year . . .	428	5,207	27,604	76,890	649	3,330	3,688	520	1,173	967
Increase . . .	16	90	...	1,598	212	239	1,148	...	660	..
Decrease . . .	..	..	135	....	...	...	....	148	...	33

PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE.

Providence . . .	42	739	4,759	20,282	102	705	838	124	1,229	89
New-London . . .	55	681	3,509	15,443	123	278	851	93	1,762	201
Sandwich	45	639	3,861	16,610	98	412	1,154	130	1,303	166
Total	142	2,059	12,129	52,335	323	1,395	2,843	349	4,294	456
Last year . . .	142	2,090	11,474	51,193	361	829	3,381	296	4,185	378
Increase . . .	..	..	655	1,142	..	566	...	53	109	78
Decrease . . .	..	31	...	....	38	...	538	..	...	..

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	S.S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Chicago	35	409	2,359	8,656	24	242	\$626	\$154	760	10
St. Charles . . .	31	323	1,607	5,659	19	116	469	46	647	69
Rockford	29	241	2,283	3 954	27	322	409	58	442	73
Galena	41	404	2,377	5 973	23	318	491	27	400	60
Mount Morris . .	34	335	1,512	5,452	28	126	273	54	490	42
Ottawa	29	267	1,187	4,615	22	194	581	52	473	31
Jolliett	19	202	886	4,150	20	58	145	42	232	23
Iowa Ger. Mission	11	73	270	733	4	34	59	15	10	1
Chicago Ger. Miss.	15	182	618	1,720	8	83	273	20	..	12
Wisconsin "	20	134	492	1,573	..	76	106	14	..	26
Conf. collection .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	..
Total	264	2,570	13,591	42,485	175	1,569	3,432	527	3,454	347

SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Indianapolis . . .	32	402	1,601	6,945	27	70	234	3	88	107
Greensburgh . . .	40	480	2,501	6,427	18	58	374	..	122	74
Connersville . . .	31	367	1,657	5,057	30	115	145	..	192	6
Lawrenceburgh . .	41	542	2,977	6,445	7	224	394	6	541	92
Madison	32	274	1,576	5,410	24	140	200	4	94	38
Jeffersonville . . .	27	259	1,348	4,149	15	68	146	2	136	13
So. Indiana Germ'n	28	191	700	2,164	15	4	53	12	10	20
No. Indiana Germ'n	14	92	438	1,245	4	..	..	..	..	12
Total	245	2,607	12,798	37,842	140	679	1,546	27	1,183	362
Last year	249	2,348	12,113	34,464	191	1,061	1,275	43	1,376	240
Increase . . . . .	...	259	685	3,378	..	...	271	..	...	122
Decrease	4	...	...	...	51	382	...	16	193	...

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Lebanon	26	157	973	5,049	4	117	157	18	125	34
Alton	33	268	1,481	4,855	22	120	307	16	352	30
Salem	43	405	1,784	4,693	14	295	187	6	211	69
Mount Carmel .	44	396	2,076	7,996	17	263	130	19	91	69
Mount Vernon .	63	418	2,460	4,177	26	126	84	25	27	65
Jonesborough .	27	155	936	2,380	24	55	26	..	12	..
Total	236	1,799	9,710	29,150	107	976	891	84	918	267
Last year . . .	251	1,921	10,344	33,039	100	670	1,137	76	855	331
Increase . . . .	..	..	..	..	7	306	..	8	63	..
Decrease	15	122	634	3,889	..	..	246	..	..	64

TROY CONFERENCE.

Troy	46	646	4,230	12,595	65	942	1,356	123	1,388	156
Albany	69	870	5,136	13,973	70	689	1,276	86	1,205	184
Saratoga	82	692	3,522	11,535	41	333	475	65	940	57
Poultney	73	628	3,275	11,311	63	208	667	57	937	136
Burlington	30	276	1,644	5,116	59	132	402	29	389	49
Plattsburgh	71	628	3,057	8,398	45	209	531	39	725	113
St. Albans	52	444	2,339	9,723	67	86	431	43	881	60
Total	423	4,184	23,203	72,651	410	2,599	5,138	443	6,465	755
Last year	383	4,001	22,041	68,539	366	2,296	3,826	387	6,734	926
Increase	40	183	1,162	4,112	44	303	1,312	56	...	...
Decrease . . . . .	..	...	....	....	..	...	....	..	269	17..

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	S.S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Dubuque	33	370	1,638	7,538	29	119	\$438	\$165	367	84
Mount Vernon . .	23	244	1,311	4,149	20	169	321	147	183	23
Iowa City	32	314	1,694	4,371	19	307	393	42	263	..
Upper Iowa . . .	31	309	1,758	4,507	28	89	211	193	172	56
Janesville	22	197	725	2,060	6	57	201	38	164	15
Total	141	1,434	7,126	22,625	102	741	1,564	585	1,149	178

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Montpelier	30	332	1,991	7,693	112	148	532	56	522	83
Danville	32	274	1,964	5,216	123	199	238	39	369	68
Springfield	24	272	1,665	5,574	80	133	234	10	384	36
Total	86	878	5,620	18,483	315	480	1,004	105	1,275	187
Last year	83	798	5,201	17,052	285	220	836	99	1,392	152
Increase	3	80	419	1,431	30	260	168	6	..	35
Decrease . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	117	..

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Morgantown	37	428	1,869	5,028	34	479	107	27	53	51
Clarksburgh	40	375	1,631	4,028	20	391	53	5	170	42
Wheeling	23	306	1,959	4,505	37	551	336	28	415	113
Parkersburgh . . .	25	226	984	2,172	19	137	106	4	461	150
Charleston	9	70	345	1,105	3	..	2	9	43	4
Guyandott	13	80	350	750	11	90	26	28	..	..
Total	147	1,485	7,138	17,588	124	1,648	630	101	1,132	360
Last year	210	1,897	8,759	23,657	252	1,831	627	91	645	373
Increase . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	10	487	..
Decrease	63	412	1,622	5,069	128	183	..	..	..	13

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

Portage City	14	99	435	1,128	4	6	133	58	136	1
Madison	24	187	879	2,770	16	125	218	58	86	8
Platteville	39	458	2,403	5,494	41	382	454	219	354	29
Prairie Du Chien . .	22	166	564	3,155	12	44	109	67	96	6
La Crosse	14	91	381	1,062	8	36	44	..	121	..
Total	113	1,001	4,662	13,609	81	593	958	402	793	44

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

Milwaukee	38	339	1,737	5,491	13	105	181	121	297	15
Racine	18	167	603	2,365	9	27	164	54	116	31
Janesville	22	156	857	2,835	7	16	192	119	217	..
Beaver Dam	26	246	1,036	3,166	11	90	194	140	202	17
Fond du Lac	26	210	1,102	3,485	14	72	301	78	217	12
Appleton	27	162	777	2,230	11	52	146	10	149	6
From dist's which fell into West Wiscons. Conf.	10	78	291	790	5	15	70	23	95	..
Public collection for S. School at Appleton.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..
Total	167	1,358	6,403	20,262	70	377	1,248	561	1,293	81

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.	Infant Scholars.	Expenses.	For Sunday-School Union.	S.S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Wyalusing . . .	69	472	2,748	9,591	31	156	\$196	\$14	267	31
Owego . . .	43	370	1,597	6,454	26	130	88	22	262	34
Binghamton . .	52	436	1,960	6,078	56	127	124	27	326	104
Honesdale . . .	54	448	2,055	8,380	22	184	486	19	520	28
Wyoming . . .	50	606	2,828	8,827	24	529	316	29	432	34
Total . . .	268	2,332	11,188	39,830	159	1,126	1,210	111	1,807	231
Last year . .	272	2,492	11,201	39,694	104	1,027	1,326	107	1,716	173
Increase . . .	..	..	..	..	55	99	..	4	91	58
Decrease . . .	4	160	13	364	..	..	116	..	..	..

[The statistics of the Illinois Conference were not received in season to be inserted in their proper place. We give them below.]

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Quincy . . .	43	384	2,533	9,624	47	328	407	62	196	87
Griggsville . .	33	333	2,467	7,440	17	316	436	26	286	93
Jacksonville . .	34	276	1,554	8,150	53	200	478	58	306	92
Pleasant Plains .	24	174	993	3,997	22	90	137	11	233	50
Springfield . .	23	289	1,330	3,460	17	115	221	6	107	144
Bloomington . .	38	381	2,186	6,164	34	205	397	8	530	104
Danville . . .	44	314	1,781	4,975	7	97	437	9	235	9
Paris . . .	23	188	1,394	3,474	22	215	186	12	160	..
Quincy German .	14	132	594	1,179	11	108	216	17	385	16
Belleville " . .	10	65	296	757	8	56	74	11	40	..
St. Louis " . .	20	140	581	1,406	43	176	277	20	70	20
Missouri " . .	14	81	335	1,164	45	134	67	11	..	1
Total . . .	320	2,757	16,044	51,790	326	2,040	3,333	251	2,548	616
Last year . .	299	2,421	13,028	42,329	176	1,423	2,358	246	1,834	337
Increase . . .	21	336	3,016	9,461	150	617	975	5	714	279

SUMMARY OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1856.

CONFERENCES.	No. Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of S. Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Bible Classes.	No. of Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of Schools this Year.	Amount raised for the S. S. Union.*	Sunday-School Ad- vocates taken.	No. of Conversions.
Arkansas (1853)	25	131	652	1,984	15	131	\$11	...	.....	76
Baltimore . . .	785	10,053	48,174	154,213	1,020	6,278	11,691	\$536	6,036	1,589
Black River . .	304	2,735	12,037	32,784	162	802	1,672	158	2,839	336
California (1855)	60	494	2,394	11,122	47	111	3,409	103	1,309	38
Cincinnati . . .	417	4,987	26,647	90,726	710	4,286	5,366	362	4,064	797
Delaware . . .	246	2,611	13,991	40,249	166	1,724	1,888	63	389	180
Detroit . . .	193	1,755	8,163	29,461	78	639	1,443	85	1,538	251
East Genesee . .	320	3,419	15,623	47,114	172	1,603	2,559	195	3,900	271
East Maine . . .	143	1,397	7,356	25,110	210	487	1,331	4	1,948	281
Erie . . .	423	4,406	21,428	70,350	355	1,390	2,334	138	2,458	409
Genesee . . .	220	2,210	10,333	32,213	111	729	1,931	262	3,167	135
Illinois . . .	320	2,757	16,044	51,790	326	2,040	3,333	298	2,548	616
Indiana . . .	255	2,209	11,573	32,378	208	1,137	....	87	814	455
Iowa . . .	229	2,411	12,664	33,944	158	1,192	1,889	90	784	331
Kansas & Nebras.	20	75	407	1,250	2	4	25	..	27	..
Kentucky (1855)	31	298	1,665	4,000	31	173	157	..	316	34
Maine . . .	98	1,290	7,418	25,992	196	355	1,678	174	2,134	217
Michigan . . .	234	1,809	8,309	27,364	91	450	1,199	192	1,627	223
Minnesota . . .	25	184	896	3,741	15	130	336	22	292	25
Missouri . . .	24	175	960	3,126	11	35	121	...	221	60
New-England . .	135	2,517	16,412	52,857	672	2,081	3,964	577	4,646	412
New-Hampshire	121	1,467	9,881	32,355	490	639	1,985	323	2,845	263
New-Jersey . . .	453	5,621	31,981	108,501	456	3,344	5,020	1,427	6,572	747
New-York (1855)	403	4,318	22,576	70,602	268	2,675	4,009	2,256	5,082	714
New-York East	221	3,344	21,212	69,552	263	3,623	5,697	599	4,735	435
North Indiana .	338	3,284	17,186	52,477	180	1,586	1,846	62	1,003	648
North Ohio . . .	249	2,830	14,380	47,987	213	1,656	1,804	154	2,158	326
N. W. Indiana .	194	1,654	9,618	28,709	129	1,886	1,099	51	1,074	259
Ohio . . .	519	5,457	26,821	93,628	467	3,183	3,510	229	4,252	940
Oneida . . .	245	2,547	11,934	39,259	145	922	1,674	122	3,519	198
Oregon . . .	41	253	1,277	4,546	27	103	527	20	277	53
Peoria . . .	254	1,934	10,427	42,491	219	1,362	1,738	126	1,948	199
Philadelphia . .	469	7,009	40,347	128,929	508	4,921	9,673	1,152	5,983	974
Pittsburgh . . .	444	5,297	27,469	78,488	861	3,569	4,836	506	1,833	934
Providence . . .	142	2,059	12,129	52,335	323	1,395	2,843	323	4,294	456
Rock River . . .	264	2,570	13,591	42,485	175	1,569	3,432	529	3,454	347
South E. Indiana	245	2,607	12,798	37,842	140	679	1,546	59	1,183	362
Southern Illinois	236	1,799	9,710	29,150	107	976	891	130	918	267
Troy . . .	423	4,184	23,203	72,651	410	2,599	5,138	432	6,465	755
Upper Iowa . .	194	1,654	9,618	28,709	129	1,886	1,099	..	1,074	259
Vermont . . .	86	878	5,620	18,483	315	480	1,004	82	1,275	187
Western Virginia	147	1,485	7,138	17,588	124	1,648	630	101	1,132	360
West. Wisconsin	113	1,001	4,662	13,609	81	593	958	..	793	44
Wisconsin . . .	167	1,358	6,403	20,262	70	377	1,248	50	1,293	81
Wyoming . . .	268	2,332	11,188	39,330	159	1,126	1,210	125	1,807	231
German Mission	24	185	1,479	660	..	..	..	..	..	..
Liberia do.	21	154	848	1,709	22	..	..	..	..	..
Buenos Ayres do.	1	15	131	..	..	..	60	112	from sundries	..
Total . .	10,600	114,319	604,113	1,954,308	11,037	68,574	99,614	12,316	105,526	16,775
Last year .	10,469	113,159	579,126	1,836,562	11,634	60,325	102,485	11,374	104,347	17,443
Increase . .	131	1,160	24,987	117,746	....	8,249	....	942	1,179	...
Decrease . .	...	...	....	....	597	....	2,871	.....	...	668

* Taken from the Treasurer's report, which is made up at the end of the civil, instead of the Conference, year.

REMARKS ON THE STATISTICS.

The preceding summary is, on the whole, quite satisfactory. The numerical increase of schools, teachers, and scholars shows that the zeal of the Church in behalf of our cause is not only not abating, but that it is steadily increasing. This is cheering; but "the best of all is," as shown by the number of conversions reported, "God is with us."

We regret the incompleteness of our statistical tables. Four conferences have failed to send in their returns. For this we are in no sense responsible. Blanks were duly forwarded to them, letters written to their respective secretaries, and a notice of the non-reception of their returns published in all our Church papers. What more could we do? Will conference secretaries and committees oblige us by giving attention to their returns this year? Our Sunday-school reports are more full and, consequently, more valuable than those of any other denomination. With a little carefulness on the part of all concerned, this superiority may be easily maintained.

Will the returns provided for by the disciplinary questions, and in the corresponding blanks provided at the Book Concern for the preachers, meet the statistical wants of the Union? We answer emphatically, No! Those questions, though ample enough for their purpose, do not cover sufficient ground to constitute the basis of a complete Sunday-school report. They leave several important items untouched. We wish, therefore, that our returns be made to us as heretofore. Preachers will find blanks for their use in the "Manual," which was sent to them last year, and which contained enough to last several years. Will brethren please fill them out carefully and accurately, and place them promptly in the hands of the chairmen of the Sunday-school committees of their Conferences?

For the benefit of such as are curious to study the "cumulative progress" of the Sunday-school enterprise among us, we have added the results of the past year to the table published in our report for 1856, giving the net annual increase from 1847 to the present time, with the annual increase of Church members during the same period.

INCREASE IN TEN YEARS.

	Schools.	Offi's. & Teach.	Scholars.	Total Exp's. of Schools.	Total Conversions.	Increase of Church Mem.
Increase in 1847 .	457	4,056	19,600	\$34,900	4,118	Dec.
" 1848 .	190	5,118	16,802	46,843	8,240	7,508
" 1849 .	576	3,610	35,201	48,079	9,014	23,249
" 1850 .	687	10,966	37,356	54,587	11,398	27,367
" 1851 .	685	8,721	43,722	66,124	14,557	32,122
" 1852 .	368	4,470	31,368	69,094	13,243	6,896
" 1853 .	346	4,701	20,329	83,965	16,916	3,937
" 1854 .	470	4,917	28,057	95,690	17,494	30,732
" 1855 .	561	5,510	26,061	102,485	17,443	16,073
" 1856 .	131	1,160	24,987	99,614	16,775	896
Total increase . .	4,471	53,227	283,483	\$701,381	129,198	148,780

A comparison of the last two columns in this table shows that during *ten* years past, the annual average of accessions to the Church is only about *two thousand* greater than the number of conversions reported in the Sunday schools; during the whole period the number of reported Sunday-school conversions corresponds with the whole increase of Church members, *nearly as six to seven*.

These figures are incontestable proof of the increasing value of the Sunday school to the Church. They show that the latter is largely dependent on the former for her increase, that the Sunday school is a living fountain of fertility to the Church. They should teach every minister and every layman, who is at all anxious for the further progress of the Church, to watch over the Sunday school with parental anxiety, and to toil for its rapid extension and its increasing efficiency with ardent, unremitting zeal.

But we do not claim for the Sunday school the honor of being the sole instrumentality in these reported conversions. To do so would be to do injustice to pious fireside training and

to the pulpit, both of which, doubtless, had much to do in bringing these converts to Christ. Indeed, we do not suppose that anything like a moiety of them were actually converted in the Sunday school, or through the direct labors of the Sunday-school teacher. In all probability the majority of them were justified at the altars of the Church under the labors of the ministry. Possibly, nay, most likely, had the efforts of the latter been wanting, most of them would not have been converted at all. But do these admissions diminish a hair's breadth the value of the Sunday school? By no means. They only tend to place it in its true relations of auxiliaryship to the ministry. For while it is probably true that these children of the Sunday school would not have been converted without the ministry, it is equally probable that, but for their prior instruction in the Sunday school, the ministry would not have been successful in winning them to Christ. The truth is, the Sunday-school teacher, by teaching the children the Holy Scriptures and by his personal religious influence, prepares them for the labors of the pulpit. And this, we opine, is the true province of the Sunday school, to fit the children to be attracted to Christ by the preaching of the cross. Its efficiency, in this sphere, is amply demonstrated by the preceding figures. They triumphantly vindicate its claim to be regarded as the most precious and indispensable auxiliary to the ministry hitherto devised; as a sheltered nursery in which human plants are trained to bloom beautifully, first in the visible Church, and to be transplanted at length to display the perfection of their beauty in the heavenly paradise.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATION.

The following are the new publications of the past year :

REQUISITES.

- Illustrated Sunday-School Primer.
 Ministers' and Teachers' Pocket Diary.
 Monthly Questions for Proofs.
 The Prompter, in monthly parts.
 Consecutive Questions on Luke.
 Do. do. John.
 Questions on the Book of Proverbs.
 Infant-School Lesson Book.
 Food for Lambs; or, the Infant Teachers' Guide.
 Librarian's figures for numbering Library Books, from 1 to 1000, on a single sheet.
 Package of Dialogues, Addresses, etc., for Sunday-school Anniversaries. (In preparation.)

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY.

SERIES A.

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| 220 Alonzo and John. | 223 Sayings and Doings of Little Mary. |
| 221 Little Maggie Lee. | 224 Little Freddy and his Gems. |
| 222 Belle Pasco. | 225 "I forgot it." |

SERIES B.

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| 215 Mary Ann Hopkins. | 218 Little Annie; or, Right Motives
the Mainspring of Usefulness. |
| 216 Cousin Rosa, the Little Girl from
India. | 219 Lovely Mary Ellen. |
| 217 Seven Stories for Little Girls and
Boys, illustrative of the Peti-
tions of the Lord's Prayer. | 220 Easy Texts for Children; with
Simple Stories to make them
Plain. |

YOUTH'S LIBRARY.

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| 605 Life of Morrison; first Protest-
ant Missionary in China. | 613 The Delmont Family. |
| 606 Ralph and Robbie. | 614 The Life of Bishop Roberts. |
| 607 Addie Oakland. | 615 Otta Held and other Stories. |
| 608 Sketches of my School-mates. | 616 The Head and the Heart enlisted
against Popery. |
| 609 Social Progress; or, Business
and Pleasure. | 617 The Inquisition in Spain. |
| 610 Tall Oaks; or, Sketches of Dis-
tinguished Persons of Humble
Origin. | 618 Miriam Gray. |
| 611 Fields and Woodlands. | 619 The Thankful Widow. |
| 612 Memorials of Margaret Elizabeth
Des Brisay. | 620 The Sunday Shop. |
| | 621 The Lost Piece of Silver. |
| | 622 Life of Gideon. |
| | 623 The Lost Key. |
| | 624 The Little Water Cress Sellers. |

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| 625 The Happy Resolve. | 631 Prompter, vol. 2. |
| 626 The Itinerant; or, the Rainbow Side. | 632 A Book for Boys. |
| 627 Poor Nelly; or, the Golden Mushroom. | 633 Sunday-School Facts. |
| 628 Faithful Nicolette. | 634 Margaret Craven. |
| 629 Ellen and Sarah, and other Stories. | 635 Minnie Ray. |
| 630 A Swarm of Bees; or, Little Children's Duties explained in Six charming Stories. | 15 A School-Boy's Life; or, a Memoir of John Lang Bickersteth. (In place of an old book thrown out.) |

ADULT LIBRARY.

Annals of Christian Martyrdom.

GIFT BOOKS.

- Duty of Personal Effort in the Sunday-School Cause. 48mo.
 Six Steps to Honor. Square 12mo.
 Young Teacher Advised and Encouraged. 48mo.
 The Girls and Boys' Illustrated Qlio. Square 8vo.
 A Winter at Wood Lawn. Square 12mo.

The following Tracts have been added to our list :

PACKAGE C.

- 72 The Duty of Personal Christian Effort in Sunday Schools—64.
 73 The Sunday-School Teacher and his Work—20.
 74 Sunday-School Libraries—8.
 75 Religion the Theme of Sunday-School Teaching—8.
 76 Nine Marks of a Good Teacher—4.
 77 The Teacher's Work a Labor of Love—8.
 78 Baptism of Children, the Duty of Christian Parents—43.
 79 The Superintendent in Action—4.
 80 The First Kind Word—4.
 81 Retain the Scholars—4.
 82 The Strength of the Sunday-School Teacher—4.
 83 The Prayerful Teacher—4.
 84 The Intelligent Teacher—4.
 85 The Conscientious Teacher—4.
 86 The Invincible Teacher—4.

IN PREPARATION.

- The Book of Sunday Pictures. With beautiful Colored Illustrations. A Gift Book.
 The Boys and Girls' Bird Book. Colored and Wood Engravings. A Gift Book.

Annie Lee and her Irish Nurse. By Mrs. H. C. Gardner. (Youth's Library.)

Little Mary, the Missionary's Daughter. (Library B.)

PRINTING IN 1856.

Number of pages of Sunday-school Books printed at New-York during the year.....	70,209,750
Pages of books contained in the Sunday-School Advocate printed at New-York and Cincinnati, counting each page of the new series as equivalent to fifteen pages of an 18mo. book, and of the old to <i>fourteen</i>	277,920,000
Total number of 18mo. pages printed.....	348,129,750

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOOKS BOUND IN 1856.

Turning from the printing-office to the bindery, we learn that the number of Sunday-school volumes <i>bound</i> during the year was	593,801
Publications of various sizes, put up in paper covers.....	471,908
Number of children's tracts, put up in packages.....	1,006,000
Total of publications prepared for issue.....	2,071,709
Counting three hundred working days in the year, the above totals show that our bindery has turned out daily, on an average, of bound volumes, nearly.....	2,000
And of Sunday-school publications, of all sorts.....	6,905
The products of the bindery, when compared with those of last year, show a <i>decrease</i> in the number of publications prepared for issue, of.....	2,075

OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS.

The preceding statements show that our press has served our Sunday schools with unflagging industry. Of course, most of its labor has been expended on new editions of works previously published ; but it has been by no means inattentive to the demand for new books. The list given above contains the titles of FORTY-NINE new volumes, exclusive of requisites, which have been added to our libraries during the year ; enough, surely, to satisfy the cravings of the keenest appetite for "new books."

Several of our old books have also been revised, re-illustrated, and otherwise improved. We refer, for example, to

numbers 3, 4, 5, 31, 41, 42; and for number 15 a new and interesting volume has been substituted. Others will be subjected to similar revisions during the current year. Several unreadable and unsuitable works will be thrown out and new ones substituted. We intend so to improve the old portions of our "Youth's Library" that they shall be as readable, as valuable, and as deserving of a place in our best Sunday-school libraries, as the majority of children's books of more modern date. Hence, those who overlook them may do so to their own loss and to the pecuniary injury of those for whom they purchase books.

The agents will continue to make liberal additions to our Sunday-school publications, though they can hardly be expected to multiply them as rapidly as they have done for several years past. There is no reason why they should do so. We now have NEARLY ELEVEN HUNDRED volumes of Sunday-school books, exclusive of requisites, on our catalogue! What school can profitably use a greater number? Where is the scholar who can fail to find religious reading enough for his entire Sunday-school life in this array of books? But, notwithstanding the abundance of this supply, the agents, anxious to respond to every reasonable wish of their patrons, will increase it as largely as the interests of the Book Concern will permit and as the real wants of our Sunday schools may require.

With respect to the books to be hereafter added to our libraries, it is desirable that, to a very considerable extent, they should be *original* works. Our own authors should be encouraged. The literature of our Sunday schools should be, in the main, American in its scenery, spirit, sentiments, and characters, while books of foreign origin should be introduced carefully and sparingly. Nevertheless, we must always regard a well-written reprint as preferable to a poorly-written book by a native author; and, therefore, unskilled, careless, uncultivated writers need not expect to find a sale

for their crude productions at our office. We want well and carefully written books, the productions of genius sanctified by religion and inspired by pure affection for the spiritual welfare of children. Such books, if truthful in their matter, simple, clear, pure, yet strong in their style, adapted to seize the attention, cultivate the taste, quicken the conscience, inform the intellect, and develop right moral affections in the children, will be gladly received and published.*

There is great moral significance in the issues of the Sunday-school press. They meet the child on the threshold of life, when its mind is "like wax to receive and like marble to retain" impressions, and write the facts, the precepts, and the doctrines of Holy Writ, in clear and ineffaceable characters, upon the plastic walls of its soul's chamber. There the writing remains to meet its mental eye in every hour of life, through every stage of its growth. Can the influence of those precious inscriptions be vain and inoperative? Impossible. How rich, then, will be the story of holy results from our eleven hundred publications, on the six hundred thousand children who read them in our schools, when the Omniscient mind shall proclaim it in the last day!

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL ADVOCATE.

The last General Conference adopted the following report respecting the *Sunday-School Advocate*, namely:

"The committee have had under consideration a resolution of the Board of Managers of the Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in relation to the Sunday-School Advocate, and recommending that the Sunday-School Advocate should be reduced to about half its present

* Authors, wishing to know our views more definitely respecting the character of Sunday-school books, also our rates of compensation, etc., will find the information desired in a circular at the end of this report. See *Appendix D*.

size, and be published at a cost not exceeding twenty-five cents per volume, of such quality as to secure its publication without loss to the Concern, and that it be strictly a child's paper."

This recommendation, which the Agents regarded as authoritative, has been followed. The paper has been reduced to nearly one half its previous size, and its terms fixed at TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per volume, for single copies, and TWENTY CENTS per volume, where ten or more copies are sent to one address. The character of the paper, in obedience to the same authority, has also been changed. Instead of seeking, as formerly, to instruct *teacher, parent, and scholar*, it is edited with the single purpose of pleasing and profiting the *children*. It is emphatically *the children's paper*, being adapted to meet the wants and form the characters of boys and girls between the ages of five and fifteen. In making these changes, however, the artistic beauty of the *Sunday-School Advocate* has been jealously preserved. It is elegantly printed, beautifully and profusely illustrated, and will not suffer by comparison, in these respects, with any other child's paper in the land. Our enterprising Agents assure us that they will spare no expense to make it a perfect gem in its appearance, so long as it is sustained by a liberal patronage on the part of the Church.

So far as we can learn, these changes are generally satisfactory to its patrons. Occasionally we hear of an individual who would rather it would have retained its previous miscellaneous character. A few persons have expressed regret that its size has been reduced. Now and then we hear of one who complains that the reduction of its price has not been in proportion to that of its size, a complaint arising, doubtless, from forgetfulness of the fact, that at its previous price and size *it was published at a pecuniary loss to the Agents*, and that, consequently, without a comparative increase of its terms, it would still have been a losing con-

cern. As it is, we understand it to pay its estimated expenses.

These voices of complaint are, however, few and feeble, while those of approval, which reach us from all sections of the Church, are so loud and so general as to constitute an almost unanimous verdict of approbation. This is also shown by our subscription list, which has risen in New-York from 76,000 sent out at the close of the volume to 106,000.

The Western Agents also publish 50,000 copies, making a total of 156,000 copies.

This is doing well; but not as well as we hope to do hereafter. With over *six hundred thousand children* in our Sunday schools, the *Sunday-School Advocate* ought to have a circulation of at least THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND COPIES! It is *the children's paper*, and every child under our influence ought to be numbered among its readers.

During the year a child's paper has been commenced at the Western Book Concern in Cincinnati, for circulation among the children of our German brethren in America. It is called *Die Sonntag-Schule Glocke*, "The Sunday-School Bell," and is admirably edited by our excellent friend Dr. Nast. *Der Kinderfreund*, "The Children's Friend," is also still published in Bremen, under the direction of our devoted fellow-laborer, Rev. L. S. Jacoby, and has a circulation of about 2,000 copies.

REV. D. P. KIDDER, D.D.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers in July last the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"The Board of Managers of the Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church deem this first meeting of the Board after the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Kidder from the office of Editor of Sunday-school books and Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-School Union, a suitable occa-

sion to record their sense of the valuable services which he has rendered to the Sunday-school cause in connection with our Church during the period of his official connection therewith. Therefore,

“Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Kidder, in the exercise of a discriminating judgment and an enlightened enterprise in the publishing of Sunday-school books, has placed the publishing department of our Sunday-School Union in a position of great importance to the Church, and of usefulness to the Sunday-school cause.

“Resolved, That by his untiring energy and zealous devotion to this department of Christian effort, he has largely contributed to draw toward it the attention and sympathies of the Church, and to establish it in the important relation which it now sustains thereto.

“Resolved, That the thanks of the friends of Sunday schools are eminently due to the Rev. Dr. Kidder for his services in their behalf, and we hereby tender to him the assurance that, as members of this Board, we cherish a lively sense of their value and importance, and that our best wishes will follow him into whatever field of future usefulness he may be called to enter.”

Copy from the Minutes. WM. TRUSLOW, *Rec. Sec'y.*

We fully accord with the sentiments of the above resolutions. Our predecessor merits all that is here said in his praise. His labors have been abundant, and he has sown seed which will bear precious fruit for the benefit of future generations.

FUNDS.

The Church deals bountifully with the Union. Our treasury is in a prosperous condition. If the Churches will continue their liberality, the Union will be able to dispense its gifts to needy Sunday schools with due regard to their

actual necessities, and without that fear of exceeding its ability, which is the sure offspring of a stinted and empty treasury.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

The plan of operations recommended to the annual conferences in 1855 has been very generally adopted. It consists substantially of the following points :

1. The nomination by the bishop and the election by the conference of a Vice-president of the Union.

2. The nomination by the bishop and the election by the conference of a Sunday-school Committee, consisting of *one minister and one layman for each district*, the Vice-president of the Union to be chairman of this committee.

3. This committee to call Sunday-school conventions, to organize district unions, and to devise such means to promote the interests of the cause generally as their skill and judgment may suggest.

4. The ministerial members on this committee are made responsible for the collection of the Sunday-school statistics of the conference.

5. The Plan also provides that the preacher stationed at the seat of the conference, in conjunction with the committee, shall make arrangements for a public anniversary, to be held, if practicable, on the Thursday of the first week of its session.

The merit of this plan is its simplicity and comprehensiveness. It is easily understood and as easily executed. It provides for all that is necessary to keep alive public attention, and to call the talent both of the ministry and laity into efficient activity. We feel confident, that if faithfully and perseveringly worked, this *plan* cannot fail of accomplishing great good. We therefore recommend its continuance.

AGENTS.

Four agents were appointed to labor in the Sabbath-school field during the last year, namely : Rev. J. A. GERE, of the Baltimore Conference ; Rev. J. E. WILSON, of the Illinois Conference ; Rev. S. W. MARTIN, of the Wisconsin Conference ; and Rev. M. F. SHINN, of the Iowa Conference. These brethren are all able men, and, so far as we learn, are doing a good work in their respective conferences.

HOW SHALL WE EXTEND OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS?

The utility of the Sunday school, and even its necessity as a condition of the highest degree of prosperity to the State and the Church, being generally admitted by good men, it becomes the duty of every Christian to earnestly consider the question of its extension ; to ask how all the children in the land may be brought under its benevolent guardianship.

According to the last United States Census, there are now in these United States about six millions and a half of children of Sabbath-school age, that is, between the ages of five and fifteen. Of these, probably not more than THREE MILLIONS attend Sunday school ; leaving ABOUT THREE MILLIONS AND A HALF of our children growing up without Sunday-school instruction. Of this number, perhaps half a million receive more or less of religious instruction at home. Deduct these, and there remain THREE MILLIONS of children in our country growing up without religious education of any kind.

This is a terrible fact. It indicates the moral destiny of three millions of souls. Who doubts that most of these spiritually neglected little ones, growing up, as most of them are, in haunts of vice and in the hourly presence of bad

example, will ere long swell the numbers of the dangerous classes of society? From them will come the reckless adventurers, the lawless rioters, the criminals, the paupers, the social vampyres of the next generation. And then, alas, how dark are the shadows of immortal despair, which already shroud their precious spirits!

What shall be done for them? The Sunday school would save them by thousands from their destiny of woe could it gather them in. There is no doubt on this point. Unquestionable facts have settled it long ago. The only question left for solution is, how shall they be gathered into the Sunday school?

In England the friends of Sunday schools, during the past year, have tried the experiment of thoroughly canvassing the communities of London, Liverpool, and other large cities, for the purpose of soliciting the attendance of children. All the evangelical denominations united in this canvass. Competent committees districted the cities and appointed volunteer canvassers to each district. Maps of each district were prepared on a scale large enough to designate every house it contained. These, together with blank books containing the questions to be asked of the heads of families visited, with spaces for recording the answers, were given to the committees. Thus provided, these gratuitous laborers began their work, passing from door to door until their task was completed. The returns of these canvassers were generally very gratifying. Much valuable information respecting the religious condition of society was obtained, and large numbers of children were induced to attend Sunday school. In many districts old schools were filled to overflowing, and many new schools were organized. So far as we have read their reports, the results, though not all that could be desired, did, nevertheless, return an ample compensation for the labor bestowed. If they did not prove it possible to gather all the children in England into the Sunday school, they did

show that a very considerable advance toward that desirable consummation was practicable.*

We have hardly faith enough to inspire a hope that a similar canvass could be generally instituted in this country. Denominational prejudices and jealousies are too strong with us, perhaps, to permit a union canvass to be carried to a harmonious conclusion. The state of society here might also, in many instances, prevent so complete a canvass as that in England. But it is possible to introduce and push this canvassing principle to an extent hardly dreamed of by those who have never tested it. What but canvassing, for example, has collected nearly one thousand children into the five or six mission schools of our City Sunday-School Society in little more than twelve months? And if one thousand have been brought in by canvassing, why not ten, or twenty, or even thirty thousand out of the fifty or sixty thousand religiously destitute children still remaining in New-York? Why not? And why in every city may not similar results be procured by similar means?

We suggest, therefore, that the teachers in every school throughout our Church appoint a standing canvassing committee, consisting of two or more active, intelligent persons, whose duty it shall be to spend a portion of every Sabbath in visiting those sections of the town or city from which their Church draws its worshipers, for the purpose of soliciting the attendance of such children as have no connection with any Sunday school. Such a committee, renewed every three months for the sake of relieving the same persons from bearing an undue share of a burdensome duty, would

* In London the total number of canvassers employed was 6,066, mostly inexperienced persons. The number of children promised to attend was 35,000. The number actually received was 12,977, though, from the absence of returns from the Church schools, this number is probably far below the true result.

In Ipswich 152 canvassers obtained the promise of 736 children, of which number 425 had joined the schools.

unquestionably persuade large numbers to attend Sunday school. If appointed in each of our ten thousand schools and vigorously worked, it would, without doubt, do much toward diminishing the number of neglected children. Would it not, at the same time, bring the number of scholars in Methodist schools up to one million before the publication of our next report?

HOW SHALL WE IMPROVE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS?

Improvement is the watchword of the age. The genius of the race is strained to its utmost tension in invoking the latent powers of nature to assist it in its grand march toward that ideal "good time coming," which, whether the offspring of its own aspirations or of those promises of a better age contained in the Scriptures, is ever beckoning it onward. Is there any reason why this spirit should not be wisely directed toward the Sunday school? If our Sunday-school machinery be not already perfect; if it be capable of almost indefinite improvement; if its power to benefit the child, the family, the city, the State, the Church, the race, can be increased a thousandfold, then, surely, there can be no greater folly than to bar its gates against the entrance of the progressive spirit. On the contrary, its friends should study its capacity for improvement most intensely, and aim, in the exercise of a sound, practical judgment, to give it all the efficiency of which it is capable.

One point demanding the attention of the judicious friends of the Sunday school is *the need of introducing some better method of instruction than that which generally obtains.*

At present, it can hardly be said that our Sunday schools generally pursue any *system* of instruction at all. With rare exceptions, scholars are not classified according to age and capacity; no system of gradual and complete study exists; no arrangement by which a scholar is led to a complete and

comprehensive knowledge of the facts and doctrines of Holy Writ. On the contrary, in many schools there is but one question book in use. With manifest inconsistency, the same lesson is given to the child of seven or eight as to the youth of fourteen and fifteen. In some schools, question books are selected from caprice, without any regard to method whatever. In others no question books are used, and everything is made to depend on the intelligence and skill of the teacher. Again, in some schools, the use of the *Catechism* is unknown; in others it is only in partial use; in a few it is faithfully studied. So, too, with respect to the committal of Scriptural texts to memory, there is every possible variety of practice ranging between the extremes of stimulating the scholars to learn the largest number of verses with which they can "cram" their memories, and of learning none at all.

That this chaotic condition of things should exist cannot but be regretted; that it should be remedied, if possible, cannot be denied. In all other departments of instruction we find system, method, classification. From the primary school to the college, the text-book and the class are adapted to the capacity of the student, who, guided by a more or less thoroughly-prepared *curriculum*, is led from the elements of his mother tongue to the attainment of a comprehensive and thorough scholarship. Can any man tell why the Sunday school should be an exception to this general rule of teaching by method?

We know that many think the difficulties in the way of introducing anything like a thorough system of instruction into the Sunday school are so great and so numerous as to be insurmountable. Children, it is urged, remain in the school so short a time at best; they change their residence so often; teachers are so inefficient and unskilled; the hours devoted to instruction are so few that the introduction of method is impossible. We do not believe it.

There may be obstacles hard to conquer. We think there are. But, having faith in the proverb, which teaches that what ought to be done can be done, we reject the plea of impossibility, and insist that Sunday-school children can be properly classified and Sunday-school studies reduced to a practicable and efficient system, if teachers and superintendents resolutely will it to be so. In presence of their determination the most formidable difficulties would vanish away.

The fact that the ground to be covered by a practicable course of Sunday-school study is too broadly marked to be mistaken, greatly favors its introduction. Regarded simply as an educator, the work of the Sunday school is, first, to impart as thorough and complete a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures as is possible under the circumstances; second, to teach the doctrines and usages which distinguish our Church from all other denominations.

Is this summary analysis of its educating functions correct? If it be so, then it follows that two text-books, the Bible and our Church Catechism, with the auxiliary of suitable question books, commentaries, etc., constitute the sum total of the books to be incorporated into its course of study. This being granted, what remains to insure a successful method, but to arrange the classes in harmony with the principal books composing the Holy Scriptures? for example, let one class study Matthew, another Mark, a third Luke, a fourth John, a fifth Acts, a sixth one of the Pauline epistles, or some book in the Old Testament, and so on to the end of the Biblical category, or as much of it as it may be deemed possible to include. In conjunction with the Scriptural studies of each class our Catechism could also be introduced, according to the capacity of the respective classes.

By this method, a child would be led gradually to a tolerably comprehensive acquaintance with the Scriptures.

By seeing a series of graduated classes in the school, his self-respect would prompt him to aim at honorably graduating from the lower to the higher. He would also be benefited by that change of teachers which the proposed system implies, and by the better acquaintance of his teachers with their respective text-books which would follow from the continuance of one teacher in the same class—constantly graduating and renewing its scholars—teaching the same facts, through a series of years.

Such, in brief, is the outline of a method of instruction which we believe is practicable, and which, if once matured and faithfully carried out, would be productive of valuable results. Of course it is open to objections. We see much we could object to it; but we can also see how to answer every objection which has so far occurred to us. We will not state and answer those objections here, however, because our purpose, in thus briefly touching this great practical question, was not to exhaust it, but to *start* it. If what we have said shall lead to its discussion at teachers' meetings and at district conventions, and also to faithful experiments in a few schools, we shall, for the present, be satisfied. But we do earnestly commend the consideration of the subject to every friend of the Sunday school.

HOW SHALL WE RETAIN OUR SENIOR SCHOLARS?

This is a vital question. In many schools, as the boys enter their teens they pass out from the Sunday school into the world, and are lost for years, if not finally, to religion and to the Church. How shall this be prevented?

In schools which are favored with superior superintendents and teachers of culture, youth's Bible-classes serve this purpose well. Where it is so, the plan should remain undisturbed; but where the plan is a failure, as we know it to be in very many places, we suggest that the formation of *assist-*

ant teachers' classes might be beneficial. At the head of all the other classes let classes be organized, from among the oldest and best scholars, bearing this designation. Let the most influential, the best cultivated, the most thoroughly accomplished persons in the Church, be secured for teachers. Let the instruction given in them be above the ordinary range of Sunday-school instruction, having special reference to the qualification of their members for the responsible duties of the Sunday-school teacher.

To further interest and qualify such classes, the pastor or some other fit person might be requested to deliver, annually, a short course of lectures illustrative of the Scriptures, and especially of the art of teaching. These lectures, being adapted to the wants of Sunday-school teachers generally, would also be made very useful to them, as well as to the members of the assistant teachers' classes, and would be, perhaps, the nearest approximation at present possible to the realization of the normal-school idea, which is beginning to attract the attention of the most judicious friends of our cause.

We think the adoption of this plan would do much toward retaining our youth in the Sunday school. It would certainly place an object before them which would appeal to those aspirations after advancement which are so natural to the young mind. It would invest their studies with a dignity and an importance now unfelt. It would bind them to the school with a new and strong bond of interest. It would benefit them intellectually, morally, and spiritually, while it would be a means of saving many of them from the world, and of giving a right direction to their lives.

ENCOURAGEMENT—BAPTIZED CHILDREN.

We know of no fact at present more encouraging to the friends of our cause than the action of the last General Conference respecting the relations of the Church to her baptized children. We beg the reader's special attention to the following extract from the Discipline :

" Of Baptized Children.

" Quest. 1. Are all young children entitled to Baptism ?

" Ans. We hold that all children, by virtue of the unconditional benefits of the atonement, are members of the kingdom of God, and, therefore, graciously entitled to baptism ; but as infant baptism contemplates a course of religious instruction and discipline, it is expected of all parents or guardians who present their children for baptism, that they use all diligence in bringing them up in conformity to the word of God, and they should be solemnly admonished of this obligation, and earnestly exhorted to faithfulness therein.

" Quest. 2. What is the relation of baptized children to the Church ?

" Ans. We regard all children who have been baptized, as placed in visible covenant relation to God, and under the special care and supervision of the Church.

" Quest. 3. What shall be done for the baptized children of our Church ?

" Ans. 1. The preacher in charge shall preserve a full and accurate register of the names of all the baptized children within his pastoral care ; the dates of their birth, baptism, their parentage, and places of residence.

" Ans. 2. As early as they shall be able to understand, let them be taught the nature, design, and obligations of their baptism, and the truths of religion necessary to make them wise unto salvation ; let them be encouraged to attend class, and to give regular attendance upon all the means of grace, according to their age, capacity, and religious experience.

" Ans. 3. Whenever they shall have attained an age sufficient to understand the obligations of religion, and shall give evidence of a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins, their names shall be enrolled in the list of probationers ; and if they shall continue to give evidence of a principle and habit of piety, they may be admitted into full membership in our Church, on the recommendation of a leader with whom they have met at least six months in class, by publicly assent.

ing before the Church to the baptismal covenant, and also the usual questions on doctrines and discipline.

"*Ans.* 4. Whenever a baptized child shall by orphanage, or otherwise, become deprived of Christian guardianship, the preacher in charge shall ascertain and report to the leaders' meeting the facts in the case; and such provision shall be made for the Christian training of the child, as the circumstances of the case admit and require."—Part i, ch. ii, § 3.

The effect of this action, directing the attention of the Church so emphatically to the spiritual interests of children, will be to bring her into closer alliance than ever with her Sunday schools. She will look to them with increasing solicitude as her spiritual nurseries; and just in proportion as her leading minds and her ministry enter into the spirit of these directions, they must seek, by their prayers and personal labors, to make the Sunday school more than ever effectual in bringing the little ones to Christ. And if conscientiously carried out, these rules can but lead to richer harvests of conversions among the children. We hope their influence will be to hasten that happy epoch in which Christian parents and the Church will so train the young that, through the grace of God, they will grow up into Christ from early infancy, and in which that ancient prediction of the evangelical prophet will be literally fulfilled, which says, "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."

APPENDIX.

A.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE I.

THE NAME.

THE title of this Association shall be, "*The Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*"

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be, to promote the cause of Sabbath-schools, in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and thus, by a careful religious training of those who may be brought within its influence, seek to promote the glory of God and the happiness of mankind.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS, ETC.

The payment of one dollar, annually, shall constitute a member of this Society; the payment of ten dollars or more, at one time, shall constitute a member for life; and the payment of fifty dollars, at one time, a director for life. Each Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be entitled to elect a Vice-President.

ARTICLE IV.

FUNDS, HOW TO BE EXPENDED: APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

The funds of the Society shall be expended, at the discretion of the Board of Managers, in defraying the current expenses of the Union, and in forwarding the objects contemplated by the second article of the Constitution.

In all cases of application for aid, if relief be deemed necessary, it shall be granted in books, unless the circumstances seem to demand the appropriation of money. In case of more calls on the Board for

aid than they can meet, they shall appropriate to the relief of the most necessitous cases first, without respect to location.

ARTICLE V.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall consist of a President, who shall be the senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church; of Vice-Presidents, who shall be the remaining Bishops, ranking according to seniority in office; the Conference Vice-Presidents, and two other Vice-Presidents, chosen annually by the Society; a Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected by the General Conference; a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and thirty-six members, and the traveling preachers stationed in the city of New-York, or engaged in the Book-Room, together with the Presiding Elder of the New-York district.

ARTICLE VI.

ANNUAL MEETINGS, AND ANNIVERSARY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held in the second week of January, when the Corresponding Secretary shall submit the Annual Report, the Treasurer exhibit a certified statement of his accounts, and the election of officers and managers for the ensuing year be held. There shall also be held an Anniversary Meeting of the Society, at such time and place as the Board of Managers may appoint.

ARTICLE VII.

POWERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the power to form their own By-Laws; to fill vacancies occurring during the year; to call special meetings of the Society whenever they shall deem necessary; to prepare and circulate such Sunday-school information, appeals, or directions, as they may think proper; to give orders on the Book Agents for such books as may be needed, and to transact such other business as of right belongs to their station, and which the interests of the Union may demand.

ARTICLE VIII.

ALTERATIONS OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution cannot be altered, except by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the recommendation of the Society, at a meeting called for that purpose, after, at least, one month's public notice; or by the Society, on the recommendation of the General Conference.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I.—THIS Board shall hold its regular meetings on the fourth Wednesdays of January, April, July, and October, at four o'clock, P. M. Special meetings may be called at any time by any two of the officers, or by any four of the managers.

ART. II.—Ten members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board.

ART. III.—At the first regular meeting of the Board subsequent to the annual meeting of the Union, the following standing committees shall be appointed:—

1. Committee on Publications.
2. Committee of Finance, of which the Treasurer shall be the Chairman.
3. Committee on Applications for Aid.
4. Committee on Finance and Applications for Aid at Cincinnati.
5. Committee on Finance and Applications for Aid at Boston.
6. Committee on Finance and Applications for Aid at Chicago.
7. Committee on Finance and Applications for Aid at Pittsburgh.

These committees shall consist of five members each.

ART. IV.—At the hour of meeting, the presiding officer shall call the Board to order, and cause the meeting to be opened with prayer; after which the following order of business shall be observed:—

1. Calling of roll.
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Unfinished business of the previous meeting.
4. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
5. Report of Treasurer.
6. Reports of standing committees.
7. Reports of special committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

ART. V.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to correspond with foreign and with domestic societies of a similar nature, with the several annual conferences, and with individuals prominent in the Sunday-school cause; to prepare the Annual Report of the Union; to file away letters received, and to keep copies of those sent, which he may deem sufficiently important for preservation.

ART. VI.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to record the transactions of the Union and of the Board; to give notice of all meetings of the same; and to file and preserve all papers relating to the transactions of the Board.

ART. VII.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys collected for the Union; to make such payments as the Board may direct; and to preserve all financial reports and documents belonging to the Union.

ART. VIII.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Publications to examine such books as may be referred to them by the Board or the Corresponding Secretary, and report relative to their adaptation for Sunday-school purposes.

ART. IX.—It shall be the duty of the Committee of Finance to devise means for raising the funds necessary for the purposes of the Union; and to attend to the collection of the moneys due to the Union.

ART. X.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Applications for Aid to consider and act on all applications that may be made in the intervals of the meetings of the Board, and to report all grants they may make for the approval of the Board. This committee shall have power to make grants at their discretion on all ordinary applications, but shall refer to the Board applications from foreign countries, except in cases of extreme urgency. This committee shall, at the earliest practicable period in each year, appoint a day and hour for weekly meetings, after which special notices for said meetings shall not be necessary. A majority of the members shall at any time constitute a quorum for business.

ART. XI.—Each standing committee shall keep a book of minutes, from which an account of their proceedings shall be read at each regular meeting of the Board.

ART. XII.—Resolutions must be reduced to writing, if required by the Secretary or any member of the Board.

ART. XIII.—All bills shall be passed by the Board, and signed by the Recording Secretary, before they are paid.

B.

AN ACT to incorporate the Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church—
Passed February 4, 1852.

THE people of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Elijah Hedding, Beverly Waugh, Thomas A. Morris, Leonidas L. Hamline, Edmund S. Janes, Levi Scott, James Floy, Daniel P. Kidder, William Truslow, Samuel J. Goodenough, Joseph Longking, Amos W. Brown, David Terry, James P. Magee, William W. Cornell, James Davis, Samuel A. Purdy, M. D., Walter Keeler, John W. Rumsey, Peter Badeau, E. H. Brown, F. R. Anderson, R. P. Berrien, Jr., Thomas Macfarlan, John Pullman, Joel Sammis, J. F. Williams, John Reid, Theodore Browning, Stephen Martindale, Jr., John Cook, G. C. M. Roberts, M. D., J. H. Ockerhausen, M. F. Odell, William Price, C. R. Disos-

way, Ira Perigo, Jr., Edmund J. Yard, S. R. Spelman, William S. Seaman, S. P. Patterson, William Morgan, P. Scofield, Joseph M'Coy, William Westerfield, Asa Child, and all persons who now are, or hereafter may become associated with them and their successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of the "Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall in law be capable of suing and being sued in any court whatever; and they and their successors may have and use a common seal, and the same may alter and change at pleasure.

§ 2. The object of said corporation shall be to promote the cause of Sabbath schools, in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and elsewhere.

§ 3. The said corporation shall in law be capable of taking, receiving, purchasing, and holding real estate, for the purposes of their incorporation, and for no other purpose, to an amount not exceeding the sum of fifty thousand dollars in value, and personal estate for like purposes, to an amount not exceeding the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars in value, but the clear annual income of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; to make by-laws for the management of its affairs, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States; to elect and appoint officers and agents of the said Sunday-School Union for the management of its business, and to allow them a suitable compensation. The said corporation shall also be capable of taking, holding, or receiving any property, real, personal, or mixed, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will or testament of any person whatsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; provided no person leaving a wife, or child, or parent, shall devise or bequeath to such institution or corporation more than one-fourth of his or her estate, after the payment of his or her debts, and such devise or bequest shall be valid to the extent of such one-fourth; and no such devise or bequest shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least two months before the death of the testator.

§ 4. The said corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the liabilities imposed in and by the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

§ 5. The management and disposition of the affairs of the said corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, to be appointed and elected annually as provided in the constitution of said Sunday-School Union, and who shall hold their offices until others shall be elected in their stead.

§ 6. The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

C.

CONSTITUTION OF A CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

ART. I.—THE NAME.—The title of this Association shall be, "THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION OF THE ——— CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AUXILIARY TO THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ART. II.—OBJECT.—The object of this Society shall be, to promote the cause of Sunday schools, in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and thus, by a careful religious training of those who may be brought within its influence, to promote the glory of God and the happiness of mankind.

ART. III.—MEMBERS AND LIFE-MEMBERS.—All members of the ——— Annual Conference may, by the enrollment of their names for this purpose, become members of this Sunday-School Union. Lay members of our Church or Sunday schools may become members on payment of one dollar. The payment of five dollars or more, at one time, shall constitute a LIFE-MEMBER.

ART. IV.—OFFICERS.—The officers of this Union shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors, all of whom shall be elected by the conference at its annual sessions, on nomination of the bishop presiding. There shall be two directors, one minister, and one layman for each district in the conference. The ministers who are elected Sunday-school directors at one session of the conference shall be expected to serve as members of the Sunday-school committee of the conference at its ensuing session.

ART. V.—ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL MEETING.—The Anniversary and the Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held at some time during the session of the Annual Conference; at which time it shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer to submit reports respecting the progress of the Sunday-school cause in our midst, and the amount of funds raised for its promotion.

ART. VI.—FUNDS.—The funds of this Society shall be forwarded to the Parent Union, for the purpose of promoting the general and specific objects of that institution.

ART. VII.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.—The officers and directors of this Society shall constitute a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be, severally and collectively, to pay special attention to the wants and interests of Sunday schools throughout the bounds of this conference; to attend Sunday-school conventions; to organize and keep in active operation district auxiliaries; to collect facts; to raise funds for the Sunday-school cause; to make reports and statements to the Parent Society; and to devise ways and means of promoting, in every practicable degree, the proper organization of Sunday schools, the better qualification of teachers, and the religious instruction of the rising generation.

CONSTITUTION OF A DISTRICT SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

ART. I.—THE TITLE.—The title of this Association shall be, "THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION OF THE ——— DISTRICT OF ——— CONFERENCE, AUXILIARY TO THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ART. II.—OBJECT.—The object of this Union shall be, to promote the establishment and improvement of Sunday schools within the bounds of this district by direct effort, and elsewhere by coöperating with the conference and general Sunday-School Union of the Church.

ART. III.—MEMBERS, ETC.—Any minister or member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and any teacher or officer of any of its Sunday schools, may become a member of this Association, by subscribing to this constitution, and agreeing to attend as often as practicable its meetings. Life-members may be created by the payment of five dollars at one time.

ART. IV.—OFFICERS.—The officers of this Union shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, charged with the usual duties of such officers, and five Directors, who shall be severally elected by a majority of members present at the annual meeting.

ART. V.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.—The officers and directors of this Society shall constitute a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to pay special attention to the wants and interests of Sunday schools throughout the bounds of this district; to make arrangements for, and attend Sunday-school conventions; and to devise ways and means of promoting the proper organization and conduct of Sunday schools, the better qualification of teachers, and the religious instruction of the rising generation.

ART. VI.—FUNDS.—The funds of this Society, over and above the payment of current expenses, shall be forwarded to the Parent Union, for the purpose of promoting the general and specific objects of that institution.

ART. VII.—ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL MEETING.—The Anniversary and the Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held at such time and place each year as the Board of Managers may appoint; on that occasion it shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer to submit reports respecting the progress of the Sunday-school cause in our midst, and the amount of funds raised for its promotion.

D.

CIRCULAR.*

To Correspondents of the Sunday-School Department of Publication for the Methodist Episcopal Church.

THE inquiries addressed to the undersigned by writers respecting manuscripts, are so numerous, and the duties of this office, moreover, have so increased, as to render it impracticable to reply severally, and in detail, to such inquiries; and to make it very desirable to have some method of avoiding the task of special criticism upon the several MSS. examined. Under these circumstances, the following hints are thrown together, in the simplest possible form, so that none may mistake the mode of their application.

I. The Object of Writing.

Persons actuated by inferior motives may succeed in other kinds of authorship; but it is doubtful whether a strictly good Sunday-school book or tract was ever written by a person whose ruling motive, at the time, was anything less than to glorify God, by enlightening, instructing, and blessing those who might read.

Nearly all the solemn and weighty things that have been said of preaching the Gospel, may be applied to writing this class of publications. The responsibilities of the task are scarcely less in any aspect, while in some respects they greatly increase.

The words of the preacher vanish with the breath that utters them; the words of the printed book will live and speak to generations yet unborn.

The influence of both, for good or evil, will follow their authors up to the judgment. With what religious care, therefore, ought they to be prepared, and how sanctified by prayer and devotion! And if high and noble objects are before the mind of the writer, he will not grudge the labor necessary to write a good Sunday-school book.

II. The Importance of Sunday-School Literature.

Like that of the education of young children, it is often underrated.

Persons conceive the idea of becoming authors, and they would like, as a commencement, to try their hand first at composing a few Sunday-school books.

Almost anything will pass here, they imagine; and even a failure would be no disgrace, since little children might never discover it.

Besides, the publication of a book is in itself a great object with many; whether it is read or not, is a secondary consideration, so that they once become known to themselves, and certain others, as authors.

We demur in the most positive manner to all such ideas. We would encourage no person to write a line for this department, who would not consider it a high and honorable achievement to produce a good Sunday-school book, and who would not be willing to labor long and hard toward the attainment of such an end.

Whatever opinions may be entertained on this subject, the fact is, that there can scarcely be a higher triumph of authorship than the production of a work every way adapted to the use of Sunday-school scholars. As such, it must be first interesting—not merely readable, but absorbing; so that a child, on taking it up, will be pained to lay it down, and, instead of skipping portions and hurrying through it, will read it word by word, and on finishing it, regret that it is not longer. Such books have been written, and still may be written; and it is of more consequence to produce one such volume, than to fill the shelves of a library with common-place matter.

He who thus interests children, is sure to interest their teachers and parents, and, very likely, the friends and neighbors of all these parties.

Besides being strictly interesting, the book should, of course, be chaste in style, pure in sentiment, and replete with instruction and sound doctrine.

Such a book will be more read than almost any other of the age. It will be placed in tens of thousands of circulating libraries, and in each one will be read by children, counting variously from a score to five hundred. It will not be forgotten, or become old-fashioned, when the year of its issue is past, but will circulate on, in successive editions, when its author shall sleep in death, and when Sunday schools shall have doubled their present numbers and influence.

One single consideration should be sufficient to banish from the mind of writers all

* The substance of this circular was prepared by our excellent predecessor. Having slightly abridged it and changed a few sentences, we have adopted it as a manual of the principles which will regulate our intercourse with authors, and as a guide to all who think of writing books for our department.

disposition to content themselves with mediocrity—in this office we print nothing that we do not stereotype.

Every work, therefore, ought, however small, to be a standard upon its topic.

III. Subjects.

We are frequently asked if we do not wish translations, abridgments, or compilations. We reply, that our principal demand is for original matter. When we need anything of the kind mentioned in the first sentence, we reserve to ourselves the prerogative of proposing it to those with whose ability we have become acquainted through their original productions.

The scope of Sunday-school literature is almost unbounded. Whatever in the whole range of creation, of history, of science—material, mental, or moral; whatever in nature or in art—among things present or things past—is capable of being applied, clearly and satisfactorily, to a religious purpose, may become an approved theme for a Sunday-school book.

In this enumeration no space is allowed for *absolute fiction*. Whatever others may think or say on this subject, we wish nothing offered to us which the author is not willing to guarantee as *substantial truth*.

We hardly need say, that we do not consider a mere substitution of names, when called for, or the aggregation of *real events* round a set of imaginary characters, a departure from our rule; nor need we suggest, that there are other approved methods of enlisting the attention of children than that of the narrative or story style, such, for example, as that of epistles or dialogues. The latter, especially, when used with vivacity and skill, may be made to develop in an interesting way many topics otherwise unpalatable to children.

Whatever topic may be chosen, the writer should endeavor to understand it thoroughly, to treat it systematically, and to preserve its unity throughout.

A random, careless method in writers is calculated to induce bad mental habits in readers, and should be avoided.

IV. Style.

Much might be written in describing the proper style for Sunday-school books. We can only give a few brief hints. For example:

Use short words, short sentences, and short paragraphs. We have heard of children laying a book aside on meeting with a long word they did not understand. A book with lengthy sentences and paragraphs always repels young readers.

On a certain occasion Mr. Wesley preached a whole sermon to children in monosyllables. This fact shows that proper mental cultivation and practice will enable a person to attain a rare degree of excellence in securing the attention of little ones, by using words that they can comprehend.

Involved sentences, inflated expressions, and attempts in the use of high-sounding words and phrases, are all out of place in Sunday-school books.

Make no unnecessary digressions from the point in hand.

Write nothing for the sake of filling up or lengthening out your book.

Words without point and meaning, instead of increasing the reward of the author, by making out a greater number of ems, often cause the whole work to be condemned.

No person can expect to succeed well as a writer, who is not acquainted, practically and thoroughly, with the rules of grammar and rhetoric.

To attempt writing books, without a knowledge of the rules of good writing, would be about as sensible as to undertake building a steamboat or a printing-press, without having first learned the use of tools.

Aim at pleasing very young children, and you will be more likely to succeed with those who are older.

Charlotte Elizabeth, the late Mrs. Tonna, is well known to have been one of the most popular and useful writers of the present age. She has, in her "Personal Recollections," made the following explanation of the cause and means of her success: "My little books and tracts became popular, because, after some struggle against a plan so humbling to literary pride, I was able to adopt the suggestion of a wise Christian brother, and form a style of such homely simplicity, that if, on reading a manuscript to a child of five years old, I found there was a single sentence or word above his comprehension, it was instantly corrected to suit that lowly standard. This is an attainment much to be coveted by those who write, preach, or expound for general edification; no rational objection can be urged against it; vanity alone can enter a protest. Though our lettered readers or hearers may not find matter to gratify their taste, or pamper the pride of intellect, still they cannot fail to understand what is suited to the capacities of their children and servants; whereas he who makes himself both intelligible and agreeable to the former, is to the latter a barbarian, speaking in an unknown tongue; and what account will he give unto his Master of the souls that, through his self-conceit, or neglectfulness of their peculiar deficiencies, remain unfed? How often has my heart been

pained under the eloquent teaching of most gifted ministers, because I knew that many around me were unable to attach a meaning to what was said, through the intervention of (to them) hard words and obscure phraseology! Thanks be to God, the translators of our blessed Bible were not of this school!"

The above considerations deserve the special attention of all who desire to become useful by writing Sunday-school books.

V. Arrangement and Division of Matter.

This is a point very commonly, and very erroneously, neglected by authors. What reader is pleased, on taking up a book, to find it one unbroken mass of matter, without chapters, table of contents, or index?

Whatever is essential to a perfect book, the author should make it his business to supply, even to punctuation and divisions of paragraphs.

At all events, every book, great or small, should have systematic divisions into sections or chapters, with a table of contents, exhibiting the topics treated in each. It is well to prefix a general head to each chapter, to be used in the body of the work, and under-written by sub-heads in the table of contents.

For a specimen of the most approved style of division, contents, etc., we refer to the Bible Scholar's Manual, No. 400, Youth's Library.

VI. Mode of Preparing Manuscript.

The paper should not be too thin and the ink should be jet black. An essential quality of good manuscript is, that it be easily and rapidly legible. The eyes of editors and printers are organs of vital importance. If rendered weary or sightless by puzzling over doubtful marks and sentences, the usefulness of their possessors is at an end.

1. *The Paper.*—It is of but little consequence whether cap or letter paper is used, so that it be uniform in size and color, and of a suitable quality for a fair and plain handwriting.

When more than one sheet is to be used, take a sufficient number of sheets, and stitch them together through the back. If the work is of sufficient dimensions to require it, let several half quires be thus stitched together. For convenience, the half quires may be kept separate from each other. As the writing progresses, let them be paged and numbered, in regular order.

2. *Mode of Writing on the Page.*—It is necessary that only one side of the paper be written upon, and that an ample margin be left on each page, so as to have space for corrections, interlineations, or additions, in immediate connection with all the matter.

3. *Copying.*—It is presuming much to suppose that an author, particularly one of not much experience, would make a work in all respects worthy of the press, at the first trial; or that any book or chapter might not be greatly improved by the author in copying: yet many writers are exceedingly averse to copying or re-writing their productions. They prefer to send in their MSS. in an imperfect state, trusting to the editor and printer to make them just what they should be before they are exhibited to the public.

It usually happens that both editor and printer have enough to do in performing their legitimate functions when the author has done his best: but even granting that they have nothing to do besides approving and following copy, they would still, for the author's sake, and for the sake of the good that might be done, prefer to see that the very highest degree of excellence was imparted to every book before they consign it to immortality. It is probably the experience of every author, that new thoughts and better modes of expression occur to him in the act of re-writing than he could possibly conceive during his first efforts. Hence one of the most successful writers for the young of the present day, remarked to us, "I never allow myself to send a line to the press which I have not written over *twice* or *thrice*." We commend his example to all our correspondents.

VII. Editorial Prerogatives.

It is probably understood by all who may furnish MSS. to this office, that ours is an official press. Whatever, therefore, might be the personal taste or views of the editor, he would not feel at liberty to publish any work that was not called for by the public, and by the general interests of the Church, whose officer he is. What is thus said of a book as a whole, may be said of any of its parts.

It is, therefore, expected that, whenever a MS. is offered for examination, it is submitted to the full discretion of the editor, to make all such changes and corrections as in his judgment may be called for. It is also to be fully understood, that the reception of any work for examination creates no manner of obligation to publish it, unless it is deemed in every way suitable, either with or without correction. The expression of these facts is essential to avoid misapprehension. We will add, however, that we deem it a great object to get original books which are in all respects adapted to our objects and the wants of the times. We never voluntarily let such works escape our hands.

VIII. Compensation to Authors.

It is the custom of this office, whenever it compensates authors. (many deem the privilege of publishing under the official sanction of our press a sufficient reward,) to purchase the matter, and take the copy-right in the name of the publishers. The rates allowed are from *twenty-five* to *seventy* cents per thousand ems, according to quality. The letter *m* is a printer's measure, bearing a uniform proportion to all the other letters of a fount of type. Compositors, therefore, are not compensated by the number of pages they set, which would vary according to the form of the page and the size of the type: they are paid by the thousand *ems*, and authors in the same way. Unless a special rate is agreed upon, the editor and agents fix the price of a given work according to their best judgment of its value.

When authors donate their MSS. a liberal return of printed copies of their works is allowed them.

Payment for a MS. is not considered due until the book is issued from the press.

IX. Miscellaneous Questions Answered.

1. "How long before I can have a decision respecting my book?"

Ans. That will depend upon circumstances often beyond control. The duties of this office are very diversified; hence, that they may be all done, and well done, each one must have its appropriate time and order. To disturb this arrangement, for the purpose of accommodating each author who might favor us with his contributions, with an immediate answer respecting his wishes, would be like abandoning the rudder of a ship in a storm.

Yet, in the very nature of things, an author must be solicitous respecting the fate of his manuscript; hence we voluntarily lose no time in arriving at a decision respecting it.

There are, however, seasons of the year in which other duties than the publication of books necessarily engross our attention. MSS. arriving just in advance or at the beginning of these seasons, necessarily remain unexamined for a series of weeks. Again, if they arrive subsequently to a large supply from other sources, they have to await their proper turn.

A MS. that is particularly good or bad, can be decided on much more speedily than one of a doubtful character, or in which emendation and change are necessary.

Various considerations, however, now exist, which will hereafter forbid the acceptance of any MS. that requires much alteration or correction.

2. "Do you think a work on this or that subject would succeed?"

Ans. We never can attempt to decide upon any work from a description of it, or of its plan; and we are not allowed by the rules of our office to approve of any work for publication until it is complete, and examined in detail. These premises being understood, we will very cheerfully give our views respecting the propriety of writing upon any given subject, or state what class of books we are most in need of. We may here remark, we usually find it most difficult to supply in sufficient numbers the demands for strictly juvenile works. Hence they are most in demand.

It is well for writers to procure our catalogue, that they may see what topics have been already treated upon by our press.

3. "What length do you prefer for a Sunday-school book?"

Ans. We refer to specimens in the four libraries we publish, presuming that a fair average would give a correct indication, and remarking, that ordinarily we prefer to have a book fall below the average size rather than exceed it.

4. "Will you write me your views and intentions at the earliest moment?"

We cannot promise to write to our correspondents, in detail, respecting every manuscript we may receive.

A principal object of preparing this circular has been to avoid that necessity; and we have endeavored to make it so explicit, that any person on reading it would be able to determine with great certainty what our opinion of his MS. would be.

We will say, therefore, in conclusion, that while a lack of any of the qualities herein described should be considered without further explanation sufficient ground for declining any MS., yet authors should never be discouraged with a first, or even a second or third failure. No true excellence is ever attained without repeated efforts, and perhaps no better motto can be adopted by young writers than this:

"If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try again."

DANIEL WISE,

Editor of *S. S. Publications of the M. E. Church.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church in account with
S. J. GOODENOUGH, Treasurer.

.CR.—BY CASH RECEIVED FROM SUNDRIES, viz.:

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Mar.	Williamsport, Pa., by George Slate, to make Thomas Smith and Samuel Sweeley life members.....	\$20 00
	Coalmont Circuit, by Rev. S. W. Price, to make Miss Susan Edwards a life member.....	10 00
May.	Baltimore Conference, by Rev. J. A. Gere.....	501 13
June.	Ridgeway, by Rev. R. A. Bathurst.....	5 00
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BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE.

April.	Ogdensburgh, by Rev. W. S. Titus.....	\$5 00
May.	Long Sault Island, Massena, by Rev. A. Miller.....	5 00
July.	Black River Conference, by Rev. T. Carlton.....	147 97
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CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Dec.	California Sunday-School Society, by Rev. J. Hunter.....	\$95 62
	Rev. D. E. Blain, by Bishop Scott.....	7 00
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CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati:

April.	South Charleston Station, by Rev. G. W. Harris.....	\$6 25
May.	Tremont Circuit, by Rev. E. H. Field.....	4 21
Sept.	Morris Chapel, Cincinnati, Ohio, by Rev. A. Lowrey.....	11 05
	Asbury Chapel Sunday School, Cincinnati, O., by J. M. Phillips	30 00
	Buckeye-street, German station, Cincinnati, O., by Rev. C. Gahn	2 40
	Christie Chapel Sunday School, Cincinnati, O., by J. Faulkner	19 00
	Park-street station Sunday School, Cincinnati, O., by Rev. R. O. Spencer.....	10 10
Oct.	Ninth-street station Sunday School, Cincinnati, O., by F. H. Marlay	40 00
	Cincinnati Conf. Sunday-School Society, by Rev. J. F. Conrey...	238 70
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DELAWARE CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Dec.	William-street, Delaware, by Rev. N. Chester.....	\$5 00
	Conference, by J. Wykes, treasurer, additional.....	57 77
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DETROIT CONFERENCE.

Oct.	Conference, by Rev. J. Porter.....	\$84 04
	<i>Received by W. M. Doughty, Chicago :</i>	
May.	Augusta circuit, by Rev. M. J. Smith.....	\$0 80
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EAST GENESEE CONFERENCE.

April.	Laporte, by Rev. A. R. Jones.....	\$5 00
May.	Elijah Preston, Webster, N. Y., annual subscription to make his wife, Lydia Preston, a life member.....	10 00
Aug.	East Genesee Conference, Rev. W. W. Mandeville, Treasurer, by Rev. J. Porter.....	175 12
Nov.	Walworth, by Rev. C. L. Bown.....	5 00
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EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

Received by J. P. Magee, Boston :

Sundries at Conference.....	\$4 50
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ERIE CONFERENCE.

Jan.	Cuyahoga Falls, by Rev. J. Tribby.....	\$4 09
Dec.	Northeast, Pa., by Rev. J. W. Lowe.....	3 85
	<i>Received by J. L. Read, Pittsburgh :</i>	
	From sundries.....	130 37
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		\$138 31

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Mar.	Wellsville, by J. N. Dayton.....	\$5 00
Sept.	Genesee Conference, by Rev. T. Carlton.....	257 03
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ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati :

Oct.	Conference Sunday-School Society, at Conference.....	\$297 75
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INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati :

Feb.	Belleville circuit, by Rev. J. H. Bellamy.....	\$3 15
Sept.	Conference Sunday-School Society, by Rev. J. Laferty.....	84 40
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IOWA CONFERENCE.

Feb.	Conference, by Rev. D. N. Smith.....	\$90 08
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MAINE CONFERENCE.

1856.

Received by J. P. Magee, Boston :

Received at Conference \$174 16

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

July. Grass Lake circuit, to make Rev. H. Law a life director..... \$50 00

Received by W. M. Doughty, Chicago :

May. Matherton circuit, by Rev. S. N. House..... \$25 00

June. Edwardsburgh circuit, by Rev. J. H. Pitezel..... 3 25

Oct. Conference collections, by Rev. V. G. Boynton, treasurer..... 113 69

\$191 94

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

Received by W. M. Doughty, Chicago :

Aug. Conference collections, by Rev. A. C. Pennock, treasurer..... \$22 11

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

April. Sunday-school class in Marblehead, by Rev. A. F. Bailey..... \$3 00

Oct. Member of New-England Conference..... 2 00

Received by J. P. Magee, Boston :

Received at Conference \$350 69

Received during the year 221 23

\$576 92

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

Received by J. P. Magee, Boston :

Received at Conference \$288 73

Received during the year..... 34 62

\$323 35

NEW-JERSEY CONFERENCE.

Jan. Halsey-street, Newark, by Rev. Dr. Wiley..... \$81 00

Central Church, Newark, in part, to constitute Rev. L. R. Dunn
a life director..... 32 00

Canaan, by Rev. P. Cline..... 6 00

Liberty-street, New-Brunswick, by Rev. S. Y. Monroe..... 23 50

Red Bank, by Rev. R. S. Harris..... 5 00

Belvidere, by Rev. G. Winsor..... 1 78

Feb. Piermont and Rockland, by Rev. D. E. Frambes..... 9 73

Trinity Church, Jersey City, by Rev. C. H. Whitecar..... 15 00

Ramapo, to constitute Hannah R. Blauvelt a life member, by
Rev. C. Clark..... 12 50

Mar. Springfield, by Rev. J. P. Dailey..... 3 00

Kingswood, by Rev. M. C. Stokes..... 5 00

Prospect-street Juvenile Missionary Society, Paterson, by W. J.
Buckley, treasurer 32 67

Rahway, by Rev. W. E. Perry..... 5 00

Elizabeth City, by Rev. S. Rusling..... 14 00

Woodrow, Staten Island, additional, by Rev. B. Kelly..... 0 50

Absecom, by Rev. D. Teed..... 15 00

Bargainton, by Rev. D. Teed..... 7 31

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1856.	York-street, Jersey City, additional, by Rev. C. H. Whitecar...	\$13 73
April.	Trinity, Staten Island, by Rev. T. W. Pearson.....	10 00
	Hightstown, by Rev. E. M. Griffith	7 08
	New-Jersey Conference, by W. A. Cox.....	936 05
	St. Paul's, Jersey City, by Rev. M. E. Ellison.....	7 50
	North Haverstraw, N. Y., by Rev. W. Chamberlin.....	11 22
June.	Clinton, by Rev. J. N. Crane.....	10 00
	Hightstown, by Rev. E. Green.....	7 00
	Perth Amboy, by Rev. B. Kelly.....	4 77
July.	Glassborough, by Rev. J. S. Swaim.....	5 00
	Middletown Point, by Rev. J. W. Kramer.....	3 77
	St. Paul's, Jersey City, by Rev. R. Vanhorne.....	12 68
	Mendon, by Rev. E. W. Adams.....	1 77
	Washington cir., by Rev. W. Copp.....	4 00
	South Orange and Jefferson Village, by Rev. C. Clark.....	1 54
	Trenton, by Rev. J. D. King	4 00
Aug.	J. H. Runyan, Montague cir.	3 00
Sept.	Fort Lee, by Rev. R. H. Wiggins.....	4 50
	Cokesbury cir., by Rev. M. Force.....	5 60
	Clarksborough, by Rev. A. Owen.....	3 55
	New-Brunswick, in part, by Rev. L. R. Dunn.....	15 00
Oct.	North Haverstraw, by Rev. W. Chamberlin.....	10 00
	Plainfield, by Rev. S. W. Williams.....	10 00
	Bloomfield, by Rev. J. S. Scarlett.....	4 44
Nov.	Liberty-street, New-Brunswick, additional, by Rev. L. R. Dunn	5 00
	Orange, by Rev. J. M. Freeman.....	7 65
	Absecom cir., by Rev. D. Teed.....	17 37
Dec.	Broad-street, Newark, by Rev. D. D. Lore.....	19 35
	Hoboken, by E. Goodenough.....	7 66
	Cape Island, by Rev. S. Townsend.....	5 00

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NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Jan.	High Hill and Baltimore Corners, by Rev. O. Haviland.....	\$3 25
	Dutchess cir., by Rev. A. Davis.....	8 00
	Sheffield, Mass., by Rev. T. F. R. Mercein.....	5 00
	Sugar Loaf cir., additional, by Rev. C. F. Pelton.....	0 50
	Jane-street, New-York, by Rev. J. B. Wakeley.....	100 00
	Yorkville, by Rev. S. C. Perry.....	4 30
Feb.	Wappinger's Falls, by Rev. J. Croft.....	1 54
	Barnegat, by Rev. J. Croft.....	1 70
	Putnam Valley, by Rev. U. Messiter.....	6 00
	Hudson, by Rev. R. C. Putney.....	5 20
	Newburgh Second Church, by Rev. L. W. Walsworth.....	10 00
Mar.	Delhi, by Rev. A. F. Selleck.....	2 57
	Greene-street, New-York, by Rev. J. P. Hermance.....	112 16
	Manhattanville and Carmansville, by Rev. O. E. Brown, to constitute Eliza Burke and Alonzo F. Miller juvenile members...	6 00
	Pleasantville, by Rev. P. R. Brown.....	7 00
	Northeast Center, by Rev. A. H. Ferguson.....	6 50
	Coeyman's Hollow, by Rev. W. Goss.....	16 06
	Mulberry-street Church, New-York, by W. A. Cox.....	107 11
April.	Matteawan, by Rev. C. C. Keys.....	3 00
	Rockland, by Rev. J. Norris.....	2 12
	Newport's Landing, by Rev. D. B. Turner.....	6 65
May.	Salisbury, Conn., by Rev. R. W. Keeler.....	8 00
	Washington-street Church, Poughkeepsie, by Rev. Z. N. Lewis	13 55
	Morrisania, by Rev. A. C. Foss.....	3 00
	Plattekill, by Rev. C. Isham.....	3 80
	Germantown and Myersville, by Rev. H. H. Birkins.....	2 25
	Sing Sing, by Rev. D. Stocking.....	11 71

1856.	Gilboa circuit, by Rev. B. L. Burr.....	\$3 64
June.	Red Hook Mission, by Rev. O. V. Amerman.....	1 50
	Monroe circuit, by Rev. J. Millard, to make Eliza M. Millard a life member.....	10 00
	Deposit, by Rev. R. Decker.....	2 25
	Milan, by Rev. W. F. Gould.....	2 90
	Dobb's Ferry, by Rev. T. D. Littlewood.....	1 70
	Courtland circuit, by Rev. D. Gibson.....	8 88
	West Point, by Rev. J. Rusk.....	5 44
	Peekskill, by Rev. M. D'C. Crawford.....	9 00
	Kingsbridge, by Rev. N. Lovett.....	6 00
	Lee, by Rev. W. Ostrander.....	4 00
	Bloomburgh, by Rev. T. B. Smith.....	10 00
	Jane-street, New-York, by Rev. J. B. Wakeley.....	90 00
	Mellenville, by Rev. D. Lyman.....	1 85
	Philadelphia German Mission, by Rev. C. F. Grimm.....	2 00
	Rochester German Mission, by Rev. A. C. Hertel.....	1 37
	New-York Conference, by Rev. S. Van Deusen.....	310 13
July.	Southfield Mission, by Rev. L. M. Vincent.....	5 00
Aug.	Jane-street, New-York, additional, by the Rev. J. B. Wakeley...	50 00
	Jane-street, New-York, additional, by Rev. R. C. Putney.....	35 85
	Whitlockville, \$3 50; Cross River, \$2 70, by Rev. S. M. Knapp	6 20
	New-Hampton, by Rev. J. K. Wardle.....	2 00
	Mulberry-street, New-York, subscription of W. R. Martin, Esq.	1,000 00
Sept.	Pleasant Valley, by Rev. T. Edwards.....	3 05
	Sugar Loaf Circuit, by Rev. J. H. Hawkshurst.....	7 21
	Fishkill Village miss., by Rev. E. B. Shurter.....	2 00
	Ellenville, by Rev. W. H. Smith.....	5 00
Oct.	New-Paltz Landing, by Rev. D. C. Van Gaasbeck.....	8 85
	Cochecton Mission, by Rev. H. Lamont.....	3 63
	Middletown, additional, by Rev. J. K. Wardle, to make James O. Daniels a life member.....	9 10
	Eddyville, by Rev. F. Donnelly.....	1 70
	Red Hook, by Rev. O. V. Amerman.....	1 50
Nov.	Sullivan-street, New-York, by Rev. W. H. Ferris.....	35 43
	Kingsbridge, by Rev. O. E. Brown.....	6 00
	Tarrytown, by Rev. C. B. Sing.....	20 00
	Pine's Bridge, by Rev. E. Osborn.....	2 86
	Newcastle, N. Y., to make Moses W. Fish a life member, by C. S. Brown.....	11 77
	Germantown and Myersville Mission, by Rev. H. H. Birkins...	2 00
Dec.	Saugerties, by Rev. B. M. Genung.....	5 66
	Newburgh First Church by Rev. E. R. Keyes.....	10 10
	Modena, by Rev. U. Messiter.....	5 18
	Summit circuit, by Rev. J. Davy.....	12 00
	Rhinebeck, by Rev. W. Bloomer.....	15 22
	Fishkill West, by Rev. P. L. Hoyt.....	2 71
	Dobb's Ferry Mission, by Rev. L. Walsworth.....	7 50
	Cannon-street, Poughkeepsie, by Rev. L. W. Peck.....	4 42
	Canaan, by Rev. O. Haviland.....	3 25
	Belcher, by Rev. B. S. Burnham.....	5 00
	Bedford circuit, by Rev. W. Stevens.....	27 12
	Monroe circuit, by Rev. D. B. Turner.....	11 12

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NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

Jan.	Cook-street Church, by Rev. J. S. Mitchell.....	\$10 00
	Rye, by Rev. D. Osborn.....	3 25
	Franklin Avenue, by R. Van Voorhis.....	20 00
	John-street, New-York, by Rev. N. Tibballs.....	9 00
	Welsh Mission, by Rev. T. Thomas.....	3 00

1856.	Centenary Church, Brooklyn, by Rev. J. S. Inskip.....	\$32 00
Feb.	Darien, Conn., by Rev. A. Booth.....	10 00
	West Winsted, Conn., by Rev. S. A. Seaman.....	8 76
Mar.	Flatbush and Flatlands, by Rev. J. Shaw.....	7 25
April.	Danbury, Conn., by Rev. M. E. Griswold.....	10 50
	First Church, New-Haven, by Rev. D. Kennaday.....	20 00
	Mount Vernon, by Rev. S. Howland.....	10 00
	Stanwick, Roxbury, and Round Hill, by Rev. W. Ross.....	6 50
	New-Bridge, Long Island, by Rev. C. Stearns.....	4 00
	Amityville, Long Island, by Rev. C. Stearns.....	1 55
	Babylon, Long Island, by Rev. C. Stearns.....	2 15
	Islip, Long Island, by Rev. C. Stearns.....	2 80
	Redding, Conn., by Rev. E. S. Hebbard.....	3 00
May.	Hamden and Cheshire, Conn., by Rev. B. Redford.....	4 18
	Smithtown, by Rev. R. Codling.....	7 00
	Stepney, Conn., by Rev. H. N. Weed.....	1 50
June.	Astoria, by Rev. J. W. Hare.....	3 03
	Glen Cove, by Rev. E. Miner.....	2 50
	Rockaway, by Rev. S. W. King.....	6 25
	York-street, Brooklyn, by Joshua Rogers, Jr.....	35 00
	Southport, Conn., by Rev. G. Hollis.....	5 00
	Mount Vernon, by Rev. S. Howland.....	7 00
	Huntingdon and Lloyd's Neck, by Rev. J. D. Bouton.....	2 38
	Seymour and Great Hill, by Rev. W. T. Hill.....	7 40
	New-York East Conference, by Rev. J. B. Edwards.....	88 38
July.	Nicholl's Farms, by Rev. G. Hubbell.....	2 00
	New-York East Conference, additional, by Rev. B. Pillsbury...	25 00
Aug.	Seventh-street, New-York, by J. Caughey.....	13 97
	Cornwall Bridge, \$2 40; Cornwall North, \$2 60, by Rev. D. Nash	5 00
Sept.	Second-street, New-York, in part, by Rev. S. W. King.....	30 00
	West Goshen, by Rev. W. Silvertown.....	3 33
	Allen-street, New-York, by Rev. H. Bangs.....	19 17
	Second-street, New-York, additional, by Rev. S. W. King.....	11 00
Oct.	Stepney, Conn., by Rev. H. N. Weed.....	10 00
	Berlin, Conn., by Rev. A. B. Pulling.....	2 00
	North Hempstead, by Rev. L. B. Clark.....	5 00
	Thirty-seventh-street Mission, New-York, by Rev. H. Husted...	3 35
	Second-street German Church, New-York, by Rev. J. C. Lyon...	3 00
	South Fifth-street, Williamsburgh, by W. Morgan.....	50 00
	Clinton, by Rev. R. K. Reynolds.....	3 25
	Eighteenth-street, Brooklyn, by Rev. M. N. Olmsted.....	11 55
Nov.	West Winsted, Conn., by Rev. S. A. Seaman.....	10 00
	Grand-street, Brooklyn, by Rev. S. Landon.....	13 23
	Willett-street, New-York, by Joel Sammis.....	34 18
	New-Milford, Conn., by J. A.	3 00
Dec.	Southold, L. I., by Rev. T. Stephenson.....	3 00
	Huntingdon, L. I., by Rev. C. Stearns.....	4 35
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		\$598 76

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati :

Sept.	Conference Sunday-School Society, by Rev. E. Hall, treasurer...	\$62 40
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NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati :

May.	Delaware, by Rev. N. Chester.....	5 00
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Sept.	Conference Sunday-School Society, by Rev. P. D. Pelton, tr.....	\$148 58
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		\$153 58

1856. NORTHWESTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Nov.	Conference, by Rev. A. A. Gee.....	\$51 28
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OHIO CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati:

Sept.	Conference Sunday-School Society, by Rev. A. B. See, treasurer	\$223 71
Nov.	Rev. J. M. Leavitt, Athens, Ohio, by Rev. A. Brooks.....	5 00
		<hr/> \$228 71

ONEIDA CONFERENCE.

Feb.	Earlville, by Rev. H. F. Row.....	\$5 00
July.	Conference, G. Parsons, treasurer, by Rev. J. Porter.....	116 67
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OREGON CONFERENCE.

June	Portland, by Rev. W. Roberts.....	\$20 00
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PEORIA CONFERENCE.

Received by W. M. Doughty, Chicago:

Sept.	Conference collections, by Rev. A. Fisher.....	\$125 78
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PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

Mar.	Young ladies of Wesleyan College, Wilmington, Del., to constitute Rev. G. Loomis, President, a life director.....	\$50 00
July.	Conference, by S. Higgins.....	1,040 13
Sept.	A. M. Arlett, Centerville circuit, by Rev. C. Hill.....	10 00
Nov.	Kensington, by Rev. A. Atwood.....	29 00
	Green-street, Philadelphia, by Rev. C. Cooke.....	22 51
		<hr/> \$1,151 64

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.

June.	General Ross, Addison circuit, to make his daughter, Feliciana Hemans Ross, a life member.....	\$10 00
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Received by J. L. Read, Pittsburgh:

July.	From sundries.....	496 34
		<hr/> \$506 34

PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE.

April.	East Maine-street Church, Norwich, by Rev. J. Kendall.....	\$3 44
May.	A worn-out brother.....	5 00
Nov.	New-London, by Rev. O. L. Gillett.....	11 00

Received by J. P. Magee, Boston:

	Received at Conference.....	292 10
	Received during the year.....	11 06
		<hr/> \$322 60

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

Received by W. M. Doughty, Chicago:

May.	Jefferson-street station, Chicago, by Rev. J. F. Chaffee.....	\$14 00
July.	M'Henry circuit, by Rev. E. Brown.....	3 00
	State-street station, Chicago, by Rev. W. B. Slaughter.....	19 00
Aug.	Jefferson-street station, Chicago, by Rev. J. F. Chaffee.....	6 50
	M'Henry circuit, by Rev. E. Brown.....	7 40
	Newark circuit, by Rev. D. Cassaday.....	12 52
	Chicago City Mission, by Rev. S. Bolles.....	5 50

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1856.	Rock River Conference collections, by Rev. B. W. Slaughter...	\$368 12
Nov.	Clarke-street station, Chicago, by Rev. J. W. Waughop, tr.....	20 00
	Clarke-street station Sunday school.....	72 88
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		\$528 92

SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati :

Sept.	Sunday-School Society, by Rev. H. Gillmore.....	58 72
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati :

Oct.	Sunday-School Society, by Rev. J. Glaze, tr.....	\$130 34
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TROY CONFERENCE.

Jan.	North Chatham and Chatham Center, by Rev. P. P. Harrower	\$33 00
	Albany Sunday-School Union, by Rev. S. P. Williams.....	30 00
	Clintonville, by Rev. W. H. Meeker.....	3 00
Feb.	Hudson-street, Albany, by J. Lord.....	30 00
	Saranac, by Rev. C. C. Gilbert.....	4 45
	Saratoga district, by Rev. M. White.....	5 25
April.	Ferry-street, Albany, by Rev. E. H. Foster, treasurer, to make	
	A. D. Heart a life member.....	10 00
	Petersburgh, by Rev. J. E. Craig.....	3 00
June.	Schuyler Falls, by Rev. W. Foster, to make Benjamin I. Weaver	
	a life member.....	10 00
July.	Troy Conference, by Rev. Z. Phillips.....	180 00
	Hudson-street, Albany, by J. Lord.....	3 00
	North Second-street Sunday school, Troy, to make Mary Swan	
	and Edwin Clemminshaw, life members.....	20 00
Sept.	Granville station, by Rev. D. Lytle.....	3 00
	Whitehall, by Rev. W. Ford.....	2 61
	Washington-street Sunday school, Albany.....	7 25
	Cadyville, \$2 40; Dunnamora, \$3 84, by Rev. C. L. Hagar.....	6 25
	Danby, Vt., by Rev. L. Dwight.....	10 00
Oct.	North White Creek, by Rev. J. Phillips.....	6 00
	Salem, by Rev. J. L. Cook.....	6 27
	Nassau, by Rev. W. N. Frazer.....	4 00
	Rensselaerville, by Rev. A. Campbell.....	8 67
Nov.	Gilderland circuit, by Rev. A. Osborn.....	7 00
	Levings Chapel, by Rev. J. N. Hart.....	4 30
	Saratoga Springs, by Rev. B. M. Hall.....	6 50
	State-street, Troy, by Rev. S. Parks.....	20 00
Dec.	Schaghticoke, by Rev. H. H. Smith.....	6 00

Received by J. P. Magee, Boston :

Chittenden.....	2 00
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	\$431 55

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Received by J. P. Magee, Boston :

Received at Conference.....	\$82 20
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WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Received by J. M. Phillips, Cincinnati :

June.	Sunday-School Society, by Rev. A. Stevens.....	\$101 08
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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

Sept.	Conference, by Rev. S. W. Martin.....	\$50 00
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WYOMING CONFERENCE.

1856.		
Jan.	Northumberland, by Rev. C. L. Rice.....	\$10 00
July.	Wyoming Conference, by Rev. J. Porter.....	89 06
Aug.	Athens Mission, by Rev. A. P. Mead.....	6 00
	Owego, by Rev. B. W. Gorham.....	12 00
Dec.	Plainsville, by Rev. J. K. Peck.....	6 00
	Factoryville and Waverly, by Rev. J. M. Snyder.....	2 42
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		\$125 48

SUNDRIES.

April.	Buenos Ayres, S. M., by Rev. G. D. Carrow.....	\$2 50
June.	Rev. J. T. Barr, England.....	68 00
Sept.	A friend.....	1 80
	Carlton & Porter's grants, charged twice.....	28 00
	Carlton & Porter, error in charge.....	1 26
	Carlton & Porter grant charged and not sent.....	5 00
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		\$106 56
May	From J. P. Magee, Treasurer of Committee at Boston.....	\$500 00
Dec.	From J. P. Magee, Treasurer of Committee at Boston.....	313 29
June.	From J. L. Read, Treasurer of Committee at Pittsburgh.....	497 25
	<i>Received by J. M. Phillips, Treasurer of Committee at Cincinnati:</i>	
	From Rev. J. H. Schmermund.....	0 60
	<i>Received by W. M. Doughty, Treasurer of Committee at Chicago:</i>	
	From Rev. R. H. Moffatt for books donated.....	5 00

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES.

Conferences.	Rec'd at N. Y.	Rec'd at Cin.	Rec'd at Boston.	Rec'd at Chicago.	Rec'd at Pittsburgh.	Total.
Arkansas .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore ...	\$536 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$536 13
Black River ..	157 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	157 97
California ...	102 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	102 62
Cincinnati ...	.....	\$361 73	.....	.....	.....	361 73
Delaware	62 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 77
Detroit	84 04	.....	.....	\$0 80	.....	84 84
East Genesee..	195 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	195 12
East Maine ..	.....	.....	\$4 50	.....	.....	4 50
Erie	7 94	.....	.....	.....	\$130 37	138 31
Genesee	262 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	262 03
Illinois .....	.....	297 75	.....	.....	.....	297 75
Indiana .....	.....	87 55	.....	.....	.....	87 55
Iowa	90 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 08
Kansas & Neb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine .....	.....	.....	174 16	.....	.....	174 16
Michigan	50 00	.....	.....	141 94	.....	191 94
Minnesota .....	.....	.....	.....	22 11	.....	22 11
Missouri .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New-England ..	5 00	.....	571 92	.....	.....	576 92
N. Hampshire ..	.....	.....	323 35	.....	.....	323 35
New-Jersey	1,427 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,427 22
New-York	2,256 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,256 06
N. York East ..	598 76	598 76
North Indiana	62 40	62 40
North Ohio	5 00	148 58	153 58

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Conferences.	Rec'd at N. Y.	Rec'd at Cin.	Rec'd at Boston.	Rec'd at Chicago.	Rec'd at Pittsburgh.	Total.
N. W. Indiana	\$51 28	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$51 28
Oneida	121 67	-----	-----	-----	-----	121 67
Ohio	-----	\$228 71	-----	-----	-----	228 71
Oregon	20 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	20 00
Peoria	-----	-----	-----	\$125 78	-----	125 78
Philadelphia	1,151 64	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,151 64
Pittsburgh	10 00	-----	-----	-----	\$496 34	506 34
Providence	19 44	-----	\$303 16	-----	-----	322 60
Rock River	-----	-----	-----	528 92	-----	528 92
S. E. Indiana	-----	58 72	-----	-----	-----	58 72
S. Illinois	-----	130 34	-----	-----	-----	130 34
Troy	429 55	-----	2 00	-----	-----	431 55
Upper Iowa	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Vermont	-----	-----	82 20	-----	-----	82 20
W. Virginia	-----	101 08	-----	-----	-----	101 08
W. Wisconsin	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Wisconsin	50 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	50 00
Wyoming	125 48	-----	-----	-----	-----	125 48
Sundries	106 56	60	-----	5 00	-----	112 16
	<u>\$7,926 36</u>	<u>\$1,477 46</u>	<u>\$824 55</u>	<u>\$1,461 29</u>	<u>\$626 71</u>	<u>\$12,316 37</u>

DR.—TO CASH PAID FOR SUNDRIES, viz.:

1856.

April.	Carlton & Phillips's bills, grants Nos. 149, 151	\$30 00
	Paid Miss Coleman for services on Annual Report	25 00
	Child's Paper	1 00
	Draft of W. M. Doughty	550 76
	Grants of books in January	229 25
	Grants of books in February	187 00
	Dr. Kidder's traveling expenses	17 00
	Grants of books in March	92 30
	Dr. Kidder's traveling expenses to Conferences	20 00
	Draft of L. S. Jacoby	300 00
	Recording Secretary's bill, stamps, notices	9 50
July.	Carlton & Porter's bills, grants for April	256 00
	Sunday-School Advocates to I. N. Dayton	5 00
	Boxes for Reports to Cincinnati, Boston, etc.	7 03
	Freight on package to General Conference	5 25
	Dr. Kidder's traveling expenses to General Conference	40 00
	Grant to New-York City Sunday-School Society	234 50
	Grant of books in May	572 00
	Dr. Kidder, balance of traveling expenses	17 52
	Grant, No. 153	10 00
	Grants of books in June	642 00
	Counterfeit bill, Black River Conference	5 00
	Grants, Nos. 155, 156, 158	45 00
Oct.	Carlton & Porter's bills, 500 sets Sunday-School Advocates	100 00
	Grants of books in July	979 50
	Grant, No. 157	10 00
	Grant to City Sunday-School Society	234 50
	Grant, No. 159	16 00
	Boxes	4 60
	Tracts to L. A. Eddy, order of D. Wise	0 86
	Grants for August	356 50
	Insurance on books to Oregon	28 05
	Grants in September	152 02
	100 Sunday-School Advocates to City Sunday-School Society	20 00

1856.	25 Sunday-School Advocates to City S. S. Society, King-street...	\$5 00
Oct.	Carlton & Porter's bills, Grant No. 162.....	15 00
	Rev. J. Miley's traveling expenses to Anniversary.....	7 00
	City Sunday-School Society.....	315 50
	Grants for October.....	65 00
	Traveling expenses, D. Wise and others to Anniversary.....	21 50
	Grants, Nos. 160, 161.....	23 00
	Grants, Nos. 163, 164.....	45 00
	Grants for November.....	188 00
	Grant, No. 165.....	8 00
	Grants for December.....	138 70
	Carlton & Porter's bill of printing Annual Reports, 1856, etc.	1,129 88
	Draft, Rev. Landon Taylor, Agent in Iowa, grants made by him	395 71
	Corresponding Secretary's traveling expenses to Baltimore, etc.	14 75
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		\$7,575 18

Bills paid by J. M. Phillips, Tr. of Finance Committee at Cincinnati.

Mar.	Donated to Ladies' Home Mission Sunday school.....	\$0 75
April.	Freight on Reports.....	4 20
May.	Freight on Reports.....	2 70
July.	Freight on grant of books from American Bible Society.....	12 00
Sept.	Discount and counterfeit in N. Ohio funds.....	8 75
Oct.	20 Sunday-School Advocates, donated to A. A. Jameson.....	2 00
	Discount on uncurrent funds at S. Illinois.....	1 85
Dec.	Swormstedt & Poe's bills for books granted during the year 1856	1,183 71
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		\$1,215 96

Bills paid by J. P. Magee, Tr. of Finance Committee at Boston.

Paid for donations.....	\$648 00
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Bills paid by W. M. Doughty, Tr. of Finance Committee at Chicago.

Mar.	Books donated during the quarter.....	\$86 00
April.	Freight on Reports.....	4 50
June.	Freight on Reports.....	10 35
	Books donated during the quarter.....	1,014 56
July.	Freight on Reports.....	2 40
Aug.	Donations to schools in Wisconsin, through Rev. S. W. Martin, agent.....	103 78
Sept.	Donations to schools in Iowa, through Rev. L. Taylor, agent.....	115 11
Oct.	Freight on Reports sent to sundry conferences.....	3 75
Nov.	Books donated from 1st July to date.....	411 59
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		\$1,752 04

Bills paid by J. L. Read, Tr. Finance Committee at Pittsburgh.

April.	Books donated to date.....	\$44 84
	Counterfeit money.....	5 00
July.	Books donated to date.....	93 14
	Exchange on draft.....	2 75
Dec.	Books donated to date.....	48 16
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		\$193 89

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Receipts by Treasurer in 1856.....	\$7,926 36	
“ by J. M. Phillips.....	1,477 46	
“ by J. P. Magee.....	1,461 29	
“ by W. M. Doughty.....	824 55	
“ by J. L. Read.....	626 71	
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		\$12,316 37
Balance with Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1856.....		3,591 54
“ “ J. L. Read.....		492 30
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		\$16,400 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Bills paid by Treasurer in 1856.....	\$7,024 42	
“ by W. M. Doughty.....	550 76	
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		\$7,575 18
“ by J. M. Phillips.....	\$1,215 96	
Balance due “ Jan. 1, 1856.....	25 66	
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		\$1,241 62
Bills paid by J. P. Magee.....		648 00
“ by W. M. Doughty.....		1,752 04
“ by J. L. Read.....		193 89
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		\$11,410 73
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		\$4,989 48
Balance with Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1857.....	\$5,253 26	
“ “ J. M. Phillips.....	235 84	
“ “ J. L. Read.....	427 87	
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		\$5,916 97
“ due W. M. Doughty.....	927 49	
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Total balance, January 1, 1857	\$4,989 48	

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board of Managers of the Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, have examined the above accounts, and find them correct, and that the Treasurer has proper vouchers for the several items of payments made by him.

WILLIAM TRUSLOW,	} Auditing Committee.
WILLIAM MORGAN,	
E. S. HALSTED.	

NEW-YORK, *January 12, 1857.*

GRANTS OF BOOKS.

Grants of the amounts mentioned were made in 1856, and forwarded to responsible persons, at the following places:

Baltimore Conference.		Rodman, Adam dist., 2 new.....	\$10 00	Bantam cir., 1.....	\$5 00
Wellsville, 1.....	\$15 00	Depauville, 1.....	5 00	Ladies' Home Mission, Plum-street, 1.....	10 00
New-Texas, 1.....	30 00	Pulaski charge, 1 new..	5 00	Blue Rock cir., 1 Ger..	6 00
Baltimore miss. school, 2	15 00	North Potsdam, 2.....	10 00	Greenville cir., 1 Ger..	6 00
Morletown, 1 new....	10 00	Bombay, 1.....	8 00	Lynchburgh cir., 1.....	1 00
Ridge, and 1 German, 2	20 00	Brownby Settlement and Chateaugay Cor- ners, 2.....	10 00		
Caledonia, 1.....	5 00	Theresa, 1.....	10 00	Delaware Conference.	
Lexington, 1.....	15 00	Brownsville, 1 new....	10 00	Toledo miss., 1.....	10 00
Orangeville, 1.....	10 00	Syracuse, 1 new.....	5 00	Manhattan miss., 1 new	5 00
Hedgesville, 1.....	10 00	North Bay charge, 1...	5 00	West Unity cir., 1....	5 00
W. Hartford cir., 1 new	10 00	Constableville, 1.....	6 00		
Baltimore.....	25 00	Cape Vincent, 1.....	5 00	Detroit Conference.	
Ridgeway, 1.....	10 00	King's Bush, 1 new....	8 00	Ann Arbor, 1.....	5 00
Calvary, 1.....	10 00	North Chateaugay, 1..	10 00	Romeo, 1 new.....	5 00
Cassville, 1.....	20 00	New-Bremen miss.....	5 00	Saginaw, 1.....	5 00
Providence miss., 1....	8 00	Remson, 1 new.....	7 00	Lakeport cir., 2 new..	10 00
Pleasant Grove, 1 new..	10 00	West Turin, 1.....	4 50	Lynn, 4 new.....	13 00
Lexington cir.....	15 00	South Champion, 1 new	5 00	Armada, 5.....	25 00
Lamb. School-house, 1..	10 00	Crogran French miss., 1	5 00	Saline, 1.....	9 76
Cedar Grove, 1 new....	8 00	Ogdensburg, 1.....	5 00	South Flint, 1 new....	5 00
Pine Run, 1 new.....	7 00	Louisville, 1.....	5 00	North Conway, 1 new..	5 00
1 school.....	5 00	Orwell, 1.....	5 00	Bunker Hill, 1 new....	10 00
Hill appt.....	8 00	Sackett's Harbor, 1....	10 00	Dundee, 1.....	5 00
New-Creek miss., 2....	12 00	Waddington, 1.....	7 00	Clyde, 1.....	5 00
Mount Bethel, 2.....	12 00	Liverpool charge, 1....	10 00	Marathon, 2.....	10 00
Greenhill, 1.....	5 00	Evansville.....	5 00	North Adrian, 1.....	5 00
Lurgan, 1.....	5 00			Detroit City Mission, 4 new.....	30 00
Calvert co., 1.....	8 00	Cincinnati Conference.		Saginaw City, 3 new..	15 00
Lost River miss., 1....	8 00	Ripley, Ohio, 1 German.	5 00	Williamsville, 1 new ..	5 00
North Liberty, 1.....	8 00	Bethel Mission, Cin., 1.	2 76	Antrim, 1 new.....	5 00
Capon cir., 3.....	20 00	Detroit, Mich., 1 Ger..	10 00	Mason, 1 new.....	5 00
Wye miss., 4.....	15 00	Ladies' Home Mission, Cin., 1.....	0 75	Northville, 1 new.....	10 00
Chestnut Grove, 1 new	10 00	Irving, Mich., 1 Ger..	7 50		
New-Washington cir., 1	12 00	Lowell, Mich., 1 Ger...	7 30	East Genesee Conference.	
Pompey Smash, 1.....	8 00	Ladies' Home Mission, Cin., 1.....	2 00	Wellsville, 1 new.....	12 00
Tentytowa, 1.....	8 00	Crosley Township, Ham. co., O., 1.....	5 00	North Mount and Som- ertown, 2.....	20 00
Papertown, 1.....	12 00	Cowen's sta., O., 1....	5 00	Canisteo, 1.....	15 00
Shade Gap, 1.....	8 00	Williamsburgh circuit, Cin., 1.....	5 00	Traveller's Rest, 1....	9 00
Leesburgh, 1.....	10 00	Enterprise, 1.....	5 00	Whitesville, 1.....	10 00
Hagerstown, 1.....	7 00	Batavia cir., 1.....	2 00	Hammondsport, 1....	8 00
London, 1 new.....	10 00	Aberdeen cir., 1.....	6 00	Canton, 1 new.....	10 00
Green Village, 1.....	12 00	Laurel cir., 1.....	5 00	Scio, 1 new.....	10 00
Icksburgh, 1.....	20 00	Xenia, 1.....	10 33	Richmond and Spring Valley, 2 new.....	14 00
Williamsport, 1.....	10 00	Pomeroy cir., 1 Ger....	5 03	Brookfield cir.....	5 00
Brownsville, 1.....	10 00	Urbana dis., 2.....	20 00	Granger, 2.....	10 00
		Greenville cir., 1 Ger..	8 25	Kanona, 1.....	6 00
		Union cir., 1.....	5 00	Bergen Hill, 1.....	10 00
		New-Carlisle cir., 1...	7 00	Middleburgh, 1.....	7 00
		Ladies' Home Mission, 1	6 00	West Union, 1.....	6 00
		Bucyrus cir., 1 Ger....	10 00	Burdett, 1 new.....	12 00
		Union cir., 1.....	5 00	Gibson, 1.....	12 00
		Lynchburgh cir., 1....	6 00	South Springwater, 1.	5 00
		Ladies' Home Mission, 1	4 32	Pickle Hill and Owen's School-house, 2 new..	14 00
Black River Conference.					
Herkimer, 1.....	15 00				
Brasher Iron Works, 1	5 00				
Long Salt River, 1....	10 00				
Rodman, 1 new.....	4 00				
Central Square, 1.....	8 00				
North Potsdam, 1.....	7 00				
Plessis, 1.....	5 00				
South Butler, 1.....	7 00				
Lorraine, 1.....	5 00				
Orleans, Lafargaville, and Omar cir., 1.....	5 00				
South Richland, 1....	5 00				

Union appt.	\$8 00
Brookfield and West- field, 2.....	10 00
Loyalsock, 1.....	10 00
Erin Township, 1.....	10 00
Keyserville, 1 new....	10 00
Scottsburh, 1 new....	5 00
Tyrone cir., 1 new....	7 00
Elkland, 1 new.....	7 00
Milan, 1.....	6 50
Ulster, 1.....	10 00
1 school.....	6 00
Alexander-street Miss., Rochester, 1.....	10 00

East Maine Conference.

Hope.....	5 00
Harrington.....	12 00
South Brooksville.....	5 00
Moulunkus, Lincoln cir.	5 00
Pearl-st. Miss., Bangor.	5 00
Franklin cir., 1 new....	5 00
North Westport.....	5 00
Wing's Mills.....	7 00
Lincoln.....	3 00
Western Mills.....	7 00
Little Deer Isle.....	7 00
Sebec.....	10 00
North Robinson.....	5 00
Eastport.....	5 00
Waldoborough, 2.....	15 00
Troy, Unity cir.....	6 00
Friendship.....	5 00
Patten's Bay.....	5 00
Morgan's Bay.....	3 00
Baileyville.....	8 00
Montville.....	5 00
North Palermo.....	3 00
North Waldoborough..	3 00
Jackson Brook.....	5 00
Bancroft.....	5 00
South Charlestown.....	7 00
Getchell's Corners.....	5 00
Brewer.....	10 00
Cherryfield cir., 1 new.	5 00
Swan's Island.....	7 00
West Wesley, Wes. cir.	6 00
West Hampden.....	5 00
North Searsport.....	10 00
Cooper.....	3 00
Muncy Town, Wiscas- sett.....	10 00
Milltown.....	8 00
Arrowsic, 1 new.....	4 00
West Brooksville, 1 new	5 00
Newport, 1 new.....	5 00
Southport, 1 new.....	5 00
Gouldsborough, 1 new.	5 00
Machias.....	5 00
East Bucksport.....	8 00
Calais.....	10 00
Eddington.....	10 00
Houlton.....	20 00
Carry's Mills.....	7 00
Hodgdon.....	8 00
Hudson and Bradford.	10 00

Erie Conference.

Mill Creek.....	8 00
Sugar Grove, 1 Swedish	11 04
Warren, 1 new.....	7 00
Spring Corners, 1.....	10 00
Jamestown, 1.....	7 00
Napoli Corners, 1.....	5 00
Jamestown dis., 3 new.	15 00
Cleveland miss., 1.....	10 00
Sugar Grove, 1.....	5 00
Sayre appt., 1.....	5 00
Hartstown, 1.....	5 00

East Girard, 1.....	\$8 00
Ellington, 1.....	6 00
Cleveland, 1.....	10 00
West Mintor, 1.....	10 00

Genesee Conference.

Parma cir., 1 new....	10 00
Cambria, 1.....	5 00
Grand Island, 2.....	10 00
Orangeville, 1.....	5 00
Friendship, 1.....	5 00
Yates School-house, 4 new.....	20 00
Grove, 1.....	5 00
Cuba, 1.....	10 00
North Manitow Island.	10 00
Cayuga Creek and Red Jacket miss. 2.....	20 00
Pike sta., 1 new.....	5 00
Olean, 1.....	6 00
Bush and Brant, 2....	16 00
Garard, 1.....	8 00
Near Lockport, 1.....	10 00
Spencerport, 1.....	5 00
Sweet Home, 1 German	15 00
Clinton-st., Lockport, 1	20 00
Buffalo Ger. miss. and Black Rock, 2.....	25 00
Abbott's Corners, 1...	8 00
Near Albion, 1.....	5 00
Canadea, 1.....	6 00

Illinois Conference.

Warsaw, 1.....	1 00
Astoria, 1 new.....	5 00
New-Albany, 1.....	5 00
Ripley cir., 2 new....	6 00
Mendon, 1.....	5 00
Athens, 1 new.....	5 00
Okaw Mission, 3, 1 new	15 00
Mount Pleasant cir., 1 new.....	5 00
Havana cir., 1 new....	5 00
Hanover, 1 new.....	10 00
Ripley cir., 1 new....	5 00
Chili cir., 2 new.....	10 00
Taylorville, 1 new....	5 00
Lynnville cir., 1.....	1 50
Jacksonville, 1 new...	5 00
Sangamon cir., 1 new.	5 00
Greenfield cir., 1 new.	10 00
Concord, 1 new.....	5 00
Mount Sterling, 2....	5 00
Ottawa, 1.....	7 00
Olney, 1.....	6 00
Decatur, 1 Ger.....	7 50
Bloomington, 1 Ger....	7 50
Springfield, 1 Ger....	7 50
Shelbyville, 1.....	5 00
Benton, 1.....	3 00

Indiana Conference.

Indianapolis, 1.....	10 00
Vincennes, 4, 1 Ger....	22 00
Jonesville, 1.....	5 00
Philadelphia, 1.....	5 00
Rockport, 1.....	5 00
Houston cir., 1.....	5 00
Lanesville, 1.....	5 00
Gentryville, 1.....	5 00
Fredericksburgh, 1....	5 00
Coatsville, 1.....	5 00
Lawrenceport cir., 1..	5 00
Blue Grass, 1.....	4 00
New-Harmony, 1.....	5 00
Brownstown, 1.....	5 00
Bruceville, 1.....	5 00
Port Commerce, 1.....	5 00
New-Albany, 1.....	12 00

Iowa Conference.

Pittsburgh, 1.....	\$10 00
Palmira, 1 new.....	5 00
Pioneer Point, 1.....	5 00
Newton, 1.....	10 00
Albion, 1 new.....	5 00
Cross Roads, 1.....	5 00
Jaynesville, 1 new....	10 00
Laporte, 1.....	5 00
Burlington, 1 new....	5 00
Baltimore, 1 new.....	3 33
Monroe, 1.....	10 00
Monterey, 1.....	6 00
J. R. Smith, 1.....	5 00
Bloomfield, 1.....	8 00

*Kansas and Nebraska Con-
ference.*

Lawrence, Kansas, 1...	25 00
Rev. W. H. Goode, for schools in Nebraska.	50 00
Rev. L. B. Dennis, for schools in Kansas...	75 00
Omaha, Nebraska.....	9 00

Maine Conference.

Mechanics' Falls.....	8 00
Cape Porpoise.....	10 00
Cumberland.....	5 00
Woodford's Corners...	10 00
Shapleigh.....	5 00
Bridgeton.....	14 00
Gilead.....	5 00
Lovell.....	5 00
Livermore.....	5 00

Michigan Conference.

St. Clair, 1 new.....	15 00
Detroit French Miss., 1	15 00
Howell and Fowler- ville, 2.....	25 00
Shawville miss., 1.....	15 00
Lansing sta., 1.....	12 00
Jonesville, 1.....	5 00
Burr Oak, 2, 1 new....	7 50
Dewitt, 2 new.....	10 00
Cortland, 2, 1 new....	10 00
Otsego cir., 2, 1 new...	10 00
Hillsdale cir., 1.....	10 00
Schoolcraft cir., 2 new.	10 00
Gratiot cir., 7, 5 new..	31 00
Laphamville, 1 new...	5 00
Mason, 1 new.....	5 00
Penfield cir., 1 new...	5 00
Edwardsburgh, 1 new.	2 50
Buck Creek, 1.....	4 00
Grandville, 1 new....	3 00
Union City, 1 new....	5 00
Gourd Neck, 1 new....	5 00
Buchanan cir., 2 new..	10 00
South Paris, 1 new....	5 00
North Adams, 1 new..	5 00
South Adams, 1 new..	5 00
Grand Rapids, 1 new..	5 00
Duplain, 1 new.....	5 00
Charlotte, 1 new.....	5 00
Otsego cir., 2 new....	5 50
Addison, 1.....	5 00
Green Sunday-school, Grand Rapids, 1.....	5 00
Galesburgh, 1.....	3 00
Otsego, 1.....	5 00
Monterey, 1.....	5 00
West Leroy, 1.....	5 00
Sparta cir., 2 new....	10 00
Duck Lake, 1 new....	5 00

Black River cir., 1 new	\$5 00
Middleville, 1 new	5 00
Woodbridge, 1 new	5 00
Battle Creek, 1 new	5 00
Kalamo, 1 new	5 00
Greenville, 1	10 00
Oakfield, 1 new	8 00
Summersville, 1	5 00
Constantine, 1 new	5 00
North Manitou Island, 1 new	5 00

Minnesota Conference.

Richland, 3 new	10 00
Red Wing, 1	14 33
Winona, 1	5 00
Cannon River, 3 new	15 00
Pleasant Valley, 1	5 00
Upper Cannon, 2 new	10 00
Shakopee Miss., 1 new	10 00
Spring Valley cir., 1 new	5 00
Spring Creek cir., 1 new	5 00

New-England Conference.

Mason school, Boston	3 00
Stoneham	10 00
South Belchertown	5 00
Franklin	5 00
Wenham	5 00
Woburn	5 00

New-Hampshire Conference

District No. 7, Chester- field	5 00
Hillsborough	5 00
North Grantham	5 00
Haverhill, Mass., 1 new	20 00
Franklin	10 00
Goff's Falls	7 00
Union Bridge	5 00
Amesbury	4 00
Fisherville	5 00
Ludson	5 00

New-Jersey Conference.

Newark City Mission	10 00
Elizabethport, 1	5 00
Blairstown, 1 new	5 00
Hope, 1	5 00
Otisville, 1	8 00
Harrison school, No. 2, 1	10 00
Spring Valley, 1 new	10 00
Quaker School-house, 1 new	5 00
Mount Pleasant, 1	8 00
Slate Quarry, 1	5 00
Mountain School-house	5 00
Townsend School-h., 1	7 00
Englishtown, 1	5 00
Rahway Neck, 1 new	10 00
Clove, Staten Island, 1 new	5 00
Campgan, 1	5 00
Swartswood cir., 3	15 00
Delanco, 1	15 00
"Over the mountains," 1 new	5 00
Pleasant Valley, 1	10 00
Montague, 1	5 00
Princeton Miss. school, 1	7 00
Longwood, 1	8 00
Sand Hill, 2	7 00
Roseville, 1 new	10 00
Milford	5 00
Bloomington, 1	10 00
Chestnut Ridge, 1	10 00

Washington S'th River cir., 1	\$5 00
Clarke's Landing, 1 new	10 00
West Milford, 1	5 00
Mount Zion, 1	8 00
Canisteo, 1 new	8 00
Clove, 1 new	7 00
Johnsontown, 1	7 00
Cooper's Point, 1	10 00

New-York Conference.

Sing Sing Prison	20 00
Williamsburgh, 1 Ger. Mission	20 00
Oneida Indian Miss., 1	5 00
Troy Ger. Miss., 2	15 00
Napanock cir., 3	30 00
Canadae and Wellsville, 2 Ger.	20 00
Blooming Grove, 1	15 00
Woodstock, 2	13 00
Little Equinunk and Union, 2 new	15 00
West-st., White Plains	5 00
New-Hampton, 1 new	12 00
Miller's Settlement and Bridgeville, Montello cir., 2 new	20 00
Ovid, 1	5 00
West Neighborhood ap- pointment, 1	5 00
Livingston cir., 1	6 00
Huntsville, 1 new	15 00
Shawangunk Mountain and Briggs sta., 2	10 00
Chappagua, 1 new	5 00
Greenfield, 1	5 00
Summit, 1	5 00
Stone Ridge, 1	5 00
Five Points Mission, 1	15 00
North Roads, 1	9 00
Fishkill Miss., 1	10 00
Lord's Gate, 1 new	6 50
Dobb's Ferry, 1	15 00
Milan Miss., 1	5 00
Rockland, 2	10 00
Stamford, 1	10 00
Belvale, 1	5 00
Canaan Miss., 1	8 00
Hedding Church, P'gh- keepsie, 1	20 00
Jeffersonville, Ger., 1	5 00
Green Flat and Peace Eddy, 2	6 00
Drowned Lands, 1	5 00
Wurtsborough, 1	5 00
Middletown, 1 new	8 00
Kensico, 1	8 00
Centerville, 1	8 00
Morrisania, 1	10 00
Glasco, 1	8 00
Sixty-seventh-st., New- York	20 00
New-York Baker Miss.	19 00
New-York King-street Miss.	12 50
Callicoon Ger. Miss., 1	10 00
Ger. Miss., Brooklyn	10 00

New-York East Conference.

New-York Sixtieth-st. Mission	27 00
House of Refuge	12 30
Near Division Avenue, Brooklyn, 1 new	7 00
East Chester and City Island, 2	15 00
Bedford, 1	10 00

New-Milford	\$10 00
Moore Sunday school, 1	10 00
Southampton, 1	8 00
Southold, 2	15 00
Welsh Mission, 1	5 00
Clove Road Mission, 1	15 00
Middlefield, 1	10 00
East Granby, 1	8 00
Patchogue, L. I., 3	15 00
Long Hill, 1	12 00
Corlaer's Hook, 1	20 00
Willett-street Mission school, 1	20 00
Searington dis., L. I., 1	10 00
Ovington Avenue Mis- sion, Gravesend, 1	8 00
Kip's Bay, 1	8 00
Cutchogue, 1	8 00
East Haddam, 1 new	10 00
Berlin cir., 1	5 00
Brooklyn Miss. school, 1	10 00
Saybrook Point, Conn.	5 00

North Indiana Conference.

La Grange, 1	8 00
South Milford, 1 new	8 00
Springfield, 1	5 00
Elkhart, 1 new	5 00
Romney, 1 new	5 00
Windsor, 2	10 00
Montpelier, 1	5 00
Williamsburgh cir., 1	5 00
Dublin cir., 1	5 00
Allen cir., 1	10 00
Albion cir., 1	5 00
Bluffton cir., 2	10 00
Spencerville cir., 1	7 00
Kendallville, 1	5 00
Anderson cir., 1	7 00
Hamilton cir., 1	5 00
Union cir. miss., 1	6 00
Harlem cir., 1	7 00
Ossian cir., 1	5 00
Wesley cir., 1	8 00
Massillon cir., 1	5 00
Hartford, 1	5 00
Albany cir., 1	6 00
Somerset cir., 1	5 00
Warsaw, 1	5 00
Marietta, 1	6 05
Clarksville cir., 1	10 00

North Ohio Conference.

East Townsend, 1	5 00
Otsego, 1	5 00
Williams Center cir., 1	5 00
Waterville cir., 1	5 00
Mount Vernon, 1	6 00
Keene cir., 1	5 00
Dublin cir., 1	5 00
Delaware cir., 1	5 00
Gilboa cir., 1	5 00
Sidney, 1	5 00
Finley, 1	5 00
Wadsworth, 1	5 00
Van Wert, 1	5 00
Carey cir., 1	4 57
Sidney, 2	12 00
Lima, 1	5 00
Ashley, Delaware co., 1	5 00
Elmore, 1	5 00
Port Clinton, 1	5 00
Berea, 1	6 00
Bryan, 1	5 00
Wellington, 1	5 00
Fredericestown, 1	5 00
Roscoe, 1	6 00
Cartalia cir., 1	5 00

Gilboa, 1.....	\$5 00
Port Clinton, 1.....	1 82
Brownhelf Miss., 1 Ger.	6 13
Rev. Geo. Bertram, for 1 German school....	5 00
Versailles Miss., 2.....	18 00

N. W. Indiana Conference.

Attica Miss., 1.....	7 20
New-Carlisle, 1 new...	5 00
Garwood, 1 new.....	5 00
Thornton cir., 1 new...	10 00
Valparaiso cir., 1 new.	5 00
Westville cir., 1.....	5 00
Union cir., 1.....	5 00
Thorntown, 2.....	10 00
Fulton, 1.....	5 00
Oxford Miss., 1.....	6 00
Perryville cir., 1.....	3 00
Wabash, 1.....	1 00
Montpelier cir., 1.....	5 00

Ohio Conference.

Columbus, 2.....	10 00
Amesville cir., 1.....	5 00
Marietta dis., 3.....	19 00
Marietta, 2.....	5 00
Delta, 1.....	5 00
Richmondale, 1.....	5 00
Athens, 2.....	10 00
Dovertown, 1.....	5 00
Summerfield, 1.....	5 00
Nelsonville, 1.....	5 00
Burlington, 1.....	5 00
Wheelersburgh cir., 1.	6 00

Oneida Conference.

Leslie, 1.....	10 00
Morris.....	15 00
New-Berlin, 1.....	10 00
Schuyler, 1.....	10 00
Hazzard's Corners, 1 n.	5 00
Toby Settlement, 1....	5 00

Oregon Conference.

Harrisburgh, etc., 7....	105 00
Oregon Territory, 116..	332 85

Peoria Conference.

Beaver Swede Mission, 1 new.....	5 00
Cambridge, 2 new.....	15 00
Ash Grove cir., 1 new.	5 00
Spring's Bay cir., 1....	5 00
Moline, 1 new.....	8 00
Magnolia cir., 1.....	5 00
Abingdon cir., 1 new..	2 50
Pleasant Hill, 1.....	5 00
Berwick, 1.....	10 00
Toulon cir., 2 new.....	10 00
Lowell, 1 new.....	5 00
Nauvoo, 1 new.....	5 00
Uniontown, 1 new.....	5 00
Port Byron cir., 1 new.	5 00
Whitefield, 1 new.....	5 00
Bushnell, 1 new.....	5 00
Green Bush, 1 new.....	5 00
French Creek Mission, 1 new.....	10 00
Camden Mills cir., 1..	5 00
Annawan Miss., 2 new.	10 00
Illinois City, 1 new....	5 00
Avoca cir., 1 new.....	5 00
Groveland cir., 1 new..	5 00

Philadelphia Conference.

Hall's Cross Roads, 1 n.	\$12 00
Parrakawkin, 1.....	8 00
Philadelphia miss., 1..	25 00
Creek cir., 3.....	15 00
Forest Sunday-school, 1	5 00
Dingman's Ferry, 1 new	10 00
Rodden's Cross Roads, 1 new.....	7 00
Portsmouth, 1 new....	15 00
Paynter Sunday school	10 00
Evansburgh, 1.....	15 00
Seaford cir., 2.....	10 00
Poplar Neck, 1.....	7 00
Trinity, Northampton cir., 1.....	10 00
Vernon and Williams- ville Miss., 4 new....	26 00
New-Philadelphia, 1....	10 00
Franklin School-h., 1..	10 00
Weissport and Slating- ton, 2.....	16 00

Pittsburgh Conference.

Warren, O., 1.....	5 00
Summerfield, O., 1....	10 00
Coshocton cir., 1.....	5 00
Alliance cir., 1.....	11 54
Franklin.....	10 00
New-Cumberland.....	2 16
Leesville.....	8 00
Ebenezer Sunday sch., Manchester.....	10 00
Sligo.....	10 00

Providence Conference.

South Sandwich.....	10 00
South Providence Miss.	15 00
Mount Pleasant, New- Bedford.....	5 00
West Duxbury.....	5 00
Block Island.....	14 00
Fountain-street, Provi- dence.....	10 00
Mansfield.....	10 00
East Lyme.....	5 00
Middletown.....	8 00

Rock River Conference.

Rock Island Ger. Miss., 1 new.....	5 00
Sheboygan, Wis., Ger. Mission, 1.....	5 00
Chicago City Miss., 1 n.	10 00
Lena, 1 new.....	2 50
Kankakee, 1 new.....	20 00
Orangeville, 1 new....	5 00
Mount Hope, 1 new....	5 00
East Troy German Mis- sion, 1.....	5 00
Erie, 1 new.....	5 00
Sycamore, 1 new.....	4 25
Pleasant Valley, 1....	10 00
Cherry Valley, 1 new..	7 00
Elkport, Iowa, German Miss., 1 new.....	5 00
Binghampton, 1 new..	5 00
Fulton City, 1 new....	10 00
Antioch cir., 1 new....	5 00
Caledonia miss., 1 new.	5 00
Sterling, 1 new.....	5 00
West Chicago Ger. Mis- sion, 1.....	5 00
Hebron, 1.....	5 00
Huntleys, 1 new.....	5 00
Marseilles, 1 new.....	5 00
Troy Grove, 1 new....	5 00

Wheeling cir., 1 new..	\$5 00
Carrville, 1 new.....	5 00
Dover cir., 1 new.....	5 00
Crane Grove cir., 1 new	5 00
Sycamore cir., 1.....	8 00
Buffalo Grove cir., 1 new	5 00
Hanover cir., 1 new....	5 00
Morris cir., 1 new....	5 00
Freeport Ger. Miss., 1.	5 00
Winetka, Crittenden, etc., 3 new.....	24 26
Aurora Ger. Miss., 1 new	5 00
German school, Fond du Lac, Wis., 1.....	10 00

S. E. Indiana Conference.

Carthage, 1.....	5 00
Burlington cir., 1.....	5 00
Madison, 1.....	5 00
Mount Carmel cir., 1..	5 00
Aurora Ger. cir., 3 Ger.	15 00
Vienna, 1.....	5 00
Westport.....	6 00
Fairfield cir., 1.....	5 00

Southern Illinois Conf.

Ashley, 1 new.....	6 00
Brighton, 1.....	5 00
New-Liberty, 1.....	5 00
Petersburgh, 1.....	6 00
Massillon Miss., 1....	6 00
Salem, 1.....	5 00
Trenton cir., 1.....	5 00
New-Haven Miss., 1....	6 00
Albion cir., 1.....	6 00
Cairo, 1.....	10 00
London City cir., 3....	15 00

Troy Conference.

Guilderland.....	10 00
West Hebron, 1.....	10 00
New-Hague appt., 1....	16 00
Fort Edward, 1.....	7 00
Old Hague, 1.....	10 00
Schuyler Falls, 1.....	10 00
Danby, 1 new.....	15 00
Jonesburgh, 1.....	5 00
Tafferton appt., 1.....	8 00
Essex, 1.....	15 00
South Mission, 1.....	10 00
Schenectady Ger. Mis- sion, 1.....	10 00
Brandon and Forest- dale, 2.....	10 00
Winoski, 1.....	15 00
Troy Ladies' Home Mis- sion, 1.....	30 00
Troy German Miss.....	20 00
Schaghticoke Hill, 1....	10 00
Johnson, Vt.....	5 00
Chittenden, Vt.....	10 00

Upper Iowa Conference.

York, Delaware co., 1..	5 00
Solon, 1.....	5 00
Lyons cir., 1 new.....	5 00
Homer, 3 new.....	15 00
Timber Creek, 1 new..	6 00
Union Prairie, 1.....	5 00
Iowa City Ger. Mission, 1 new.....	5 00
Le Seure, 1 Ger.....	5 00

Vermont Conference.

North Thetford.....	5 00
East Brookfield.....	5 00

East Thetford.....	\$5 00
South Royalton.....	10 00
East St. Johnsbury....	5 00
St. Johnsbury.....	15 00

West. Virginia Conference.

Cross Roads, 1.....	5 00
Fellowsville, 1.....	5 00
Dent's Run, 1.....	10 00
Pruntytown, 1.....	5 00
Charleston, 2.....	10 00
Malden cir., 1.....	5 00
Friendship, 1.....	5 00
Philippi cir., 1.....	23 00
Wheeling, 1.....	3 66
Mason co., 1.....	10 00
Malden, 1.....	5 00
Middletown cir., 1....	8 00
Rev. D. O. Carmack, for 1 school.....	5 00

Western Wisconsin Conf.

Dekorra, 2, 1 new....	12 50
Baraboo dis., 3, 2 new.	15 00
Galesville, 1 new....	5 00
Reedsburgh, 1 new....	10 00
Patch Grove, 3 new...	15 00
Monticello, 2.....	10 00
Middleton, 1.....	2 50
Oxford cir., 3 new....	12 50
Elk Grove, 1.....	2 55
Oregon, 1 new.....	6 00
Highland, 1 new.....	5 00
Wautoma, 1.....	5 00
Prairie du Sac, 2 new..	10 00
Wiota cir., 1 new.....	5 00
Clyman, 2 new.....	10 00
La Cross Valley Mis- sion, 1 new.....	5 00
Narrow Prairie and Marston, 2 new....	12 00
Ridgeley, 1 new.....	5 00
Dekorra cir., 1 new...	5 00
Marston, 1 new.....	5 00
Platteville dis., 5.....	24 00

Wisconsin Conference.

Oshkosh, 1.....	\$10 00
Delavan cir., 1 new...	5 00
Kingston cir., 2 new...	10 00
Scandinavian Sunday school, Racine, 1....	4 17
Horicon, 1 new.....	10 00
Waupun, 1 new.....	5 00
Cascade cir., 1 new...	5 00
Sheboygan Falls, 1 new	3 00
Manitowoc, 7 new....	35 00
West Bend cir., 1 new.	5 00
Root River Miss., 2 new	10 00
Fond du Lac, 1 new...	5 00
Kingston, 1 new.....	5 00
Menomonee, 1 new...	5 00
Green Bush, 1.....	5 00
Bradford, 1 new.....	5 00
Appleton dis. Sunday schools.....	40 00
Wiggin's Corners, 1...	5 00
Elkhorn cir., 1 new...	5 00
Darien, 1 new.....	5 00
Nepenskaw, 1 new....	5 00
Adario, 3.....	15 00
Appleton dis., 20 new..	100 00

Wyoming Conference.

Mast Hope, 1.....	10 00
Factoryville, 1.....	10 00
Lehman cir., 1.....	10 00
Honcsdale, 1 Ger....	5 00
Tunnel appt., 1 new...	10 00
Ararat, 1.....	5 00
Moscow, 1.....	7 00
Park's Settlement, 1...	7 00
Barton, 1.....	5 00
Pittston, 1.....	5 00
Rowland School-h., 1..	5 00
Plymouth, 1.....	10 00
Springville cir., 1....	5 00
Prospect Hill, 1 new...	5 00
East Clifford, 1.....	5 00
Bennett Sunday sch'l, 1	7 00
Madison Miss., 1.....	5 00
New-Milford, 1.....	8 00
Orange Hill, 1.....	5 00
Athens, 1.....	5 00
Ramsay Hill, 1.....	5 00

Foreign Mission.

African Mission..	\$11 37
Mission schools.....	15 00
German Miss. Conf....	5 25

Miscellaneous.

Ireland.....	48 00
German department, Cin., stereotype cuts.	112 00
New-York City Sunday- School Society, King- street Miss.....	5 00
Mott-street Miss. school	10 00
New-York City Sunday- School Society.....	234 50
New-York City Sunday- School Society, Sixty- first-street Miss.....	1 25
New-York City Sunday- School Society, King- street and Sixtieth-st.	20 00
New-York City Sunday- School Society.....	234 50
German department, Cincinnati.....	9 00
Institution for Deaf and Dumb, Cincinnati...	3 00
Z. P. Bannister, Teach- ers' Insti., Hartford.	4 40

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Bellair cir., Springville cir., Steubenville dis., Pittsburgh Conf.....	20 00
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Donations for quarter ending July 1.....	93 14

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I give unto "The Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the State of New-York, passed April 15, 1854, the sum of _____ dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge.

 Persons disposed to make bequests to the Society, are requested to be careful to adopt the above form, and also to give timely notice to the officers of the Society, in order that legacies may not be diverted from their intended object.

CONSTITUTION OF A CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

ART. 1. The title of this society shall be, "The Tract Society of the — Conference, auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to promote the purposes of the Parent Tract Society, by obtaining funds for it, and circulating tracts and volumes within the bounds of the Conference.

ART. 3. The payment of one dollar per annum shall constitute a member of this society; the payment of five dollars or more, at one time, shall constitute a member for life; and the payment of twenty dollars at one time a director for life.

ART. 4. The Board of Managers shall consist of a President, who shall be the presiding Bishop of the Conference; of five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twenty members—ministers and laymen.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall remit, as early as possible, funds received by him to the Treasurer of the Parent Society.

ART. 6. The annual meeting of the society shall be held at the session of the Conference, when the Corresponding Secretary shall submit the Annual Report, the Treasurer exhibit a certified statement of his accounts, and the election of officers and members for the ensuing year be held. There shall also be held an anniversary meeting of the society at the same time and place.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT to incorporate the TRACT SOCIETY of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Passed April 15, 1854.

SECTION I.

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SECTION II.

The object of said Corporation shall be to diffuse the blessings of Education, Civilization, and Christianity, throughout the United States and elsewhere, by the publication and distribution of tracts, and cheap publications, and books.

SECTION III.

The said Corporation shall in law be capable of taking, receiving, purchasing, and holding real estate for the purposes of their incorporation, and for no other purpose, to an amount not exceeding the sum of fifty thousand dollars in value, and personal estate for like purposes to an amount not exceeding the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars in value, but the clear annual income of such real and personal estate shall not

exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; to make by-laws for the management of its affairs not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States; to elect and appoint officers and agents of the said Society for the management of its business, and to allow them a suitable compensation. The said Corporation shall also be capable of taking, holding, or receiving any property, real, personal, or mixed, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will or testament of any person whatsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars: Provided no person leaving a wife, or child, or parent, shall devise or bequeath to such Corporation more than one-fourth of his or her estate, after the payment of his or her debts; and such devise or bequest shall be valid to the extent of such one-fourth; and no such devise or bequest shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least two months before the death of the testator.

SECTION IV.

The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers to be annually elected at a meeting of the Society to be called for that purpose, and held in the city of New-York, at such time and on such notice as the Board of Managers for the time being shall previously prescribe. Such Board shall consist of not less than thirty-two lay members, and of so many clerical members, not exceeding that number, as shall be determined upon at such annual meeting, and each of whom shall be a minister in good and regular standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancy that may happen, until the ensuing annual election. Thirteen members of the Board at any meeting thereof shall be a sufficient number for the transaction of business; and at any meeting of the Society, twenty-five members of the Society shall be a sufficient quorum.

SECTION V.

The persons named in the first section of this Act shall be the first Board of Managers of such Corporation, and shall hold their offices until the next annual election, or until others shall be elected in their places.

SECTION VI.

The said Corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the liabilities imposed in and by the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION VII.

The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this Act.

SECTION VIII.

This Act shall take effect immediately.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This association shall be denominated the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be to diffuse religious knowledge, by the circulation of the publications of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the English and other languages, in our own and foreign countries.

ARTICLE III. Any person paying to this society one dollar per year, shall be a member of the same; and the payment of ten dollars at one time, shall constitute a member for life; and the payment of twenty-five dollars at one time, shall constitute a director for life.

ARTICLE IV. Persons constituted life-members by the payment of ten dollars, not designated for any special object, shall be entitled to receive tracts to the value of fifty cents each year; and life-directors, to the value of two dollars each year: or, if they prefer, they may receive tracts at any one time to the amount of half the sum paid. All members and directors are also entitled to vote at the annual meetings of the society.

ARTICLE V. The annual meetings of the society shall be held during the second or third week of December. A public anniversary shall also be held each year, at such time and place as the Board of Managers shall determine.

ARTICLE VI. The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be Presidents of this society, in the order of their seniority. A Vice-President may be appointed by each Annual Conference. There shall be appointed by the General Conference a Corresponding Secretary for this society, who shall be the Editor of the Tracts. The other officers of this society shall be a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and two elected Vice-Presidents, who shall severally be appointed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII. The funds of this society shall be expended under the direction of the Board of Managers in payment of the necessary expenses of the institution, and in the promotion of its general objects. In all cases of gratuitous aid, books and tracts shall be given instead of money, unless the latter is strictly necessary to the accomplishment of a constitutional object.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Managers shall have power to enact their own by-laws, to fill vacancies in the Board occurring during the year, to appoint honorary members, to provide for the translation and publication of tracts, to print and circulate appeals to the Church in behalf of the benevolent objects of the society, to raise and disburse funds for those

objects, and to establish committees of finance and appropriations wherever necessary.

ARTICLE IX. Each Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church may form a Conference Tract Society auxiliary to this, with power to adopt such measures as in the judgment of said conference are best calculated to promote the objects of this association, and to form sub-auxiliaries in its several circuits and stations. The presidents of the Conference Auxiliaries shall be vice-presidents of this society.

ARTICLE X. This Constitution cannot be altered except by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the recommendation of the society at a meeting called for that purpose, after, at least, one month's public notice; or by the society, on the recommendation of the General Conference.

BY-LAWS.

1. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held quarterly.
2. Special meetings may be held at the call of the Corresponding Secretary.
3. Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum.
4. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received or expended, report the same at each regular meeting, submit his account to any auditing committee appointed by the Board, and answer all orders on the treasury authorized by the Board.
5. There shall be a standing Executive Committee, to consist of the Corresponding Secretary, four laymen, and four ministers, all of whom shall be members of the Board. They shall be elected annually, and be responsible to the Board for their acts.
6. The Executive Committee may, at their discretion, appoint an Appropriating Committee for the West, of not more than nine members, who shall receive their instructions from the Executive Committee, and make quarterly reports of all their acts to the said committee, to be communicated to the Board.
7. There shall be a Committee on Publications, to consist of five members of this Board, to whom the editors may at all times refer such questions relating to the Tract publications as he may deem proper, and who shall represent this Board in relation to all the publications which go out in the name of this Society. They shall keep a record of their acts and be responsible to the Board.
8. There shall be a Legacy Committee of five members of the Board, to whom all questions relating to bequests may be referred. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and from time to time make such recommendations to the Board as the interests of the Society in this respect may require.
9. The Order of Business at the regular meetings of the Board shall be as follows:
 - (1.) Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
 - (2.) The report of the Corresponding Secretary.
 - (3.) The Treasurer's report.
 - (4.) Reports of Committees.
 - (5.) Miscellaneous business.

ANNIVERSARY.

THE fourth anniversary of the society was held in the City of Providence, R. I., on Monday, February 23, 1857.

On the preceding Sunday, appropriate sermons were delivered in the several Methodist churches in the city, and collections were made in behalf of the tract cause. In the evening a general meeting was held in the church in Chestnut-street, of which a detailed account was given in the *Christian Advocate* by Dr. Strickland, who was present, and to whom the Board are under obligations for valuable assistance.

Monday afternoon was devoted to a business meeting among the friends of the society, who assembled in large numbers, and listened to details relative to the labors of tract distributors in our large cities, and the design and influence of our monthly tract paper, *THE GOOD NEWS*. Mr. John Cooke, superintendent of tract distribution in New-York City, related some incidents of thrilling interest occurring within his own knowledge. Remarks were also made by the corresponding secretary and others. These meetings admirably prepared the way for the anniversary proper, which was held in the Matthewson-street Church on Monday evening, Dr. Fabian in the chair. Portions of the annual report were read by the corresponding secretary, interspersed with observations, explanatory and illustrative.

The Rev. JESSE T. PECK, D.D., then addressed the audience in a speech of thrilling and effective eloquence. His theme was *The faith element in the tract enterprise*; faith

in the scope, amplitude, and power of the atonement made by our Lord Jesus Christ; faith in the essential life-power of the truth; and faith in the accomplishment of the great purposes of Jehovah as revealed in his written word. Each of these points was elaborated with great beauty, and the impression made upon the delighted audience we cannot doubt will be equally beneficial and permanent.

The Rev. F. S. DE HASS, of the Pittsburgh Conference, then addressed the congregation. He alluded to the vast multitudes of the American people and the thousands of foreigners among us for whom there are absolutely no church accommodations provided, and who cannot be reached by the ordinary means of grace. The various forms of error which exist among us, Romanism, Mormonism, and Infidelity in its Protean forms, are only to be met successfully by the agency of the Tract Society. He regarded the tract cause as the morning star of the millennium, and looked forward with cheering hope to the day when truth and righteousness shall everywhere triumph over error and sin.

At the close of this truly eloquent address, a collection was taken, and cash and subscriptions for the purpose of constituting life members and life directors were received.

The people responded cordially, and the amount, including the collections on the previous Sunday, was between four and five hundred dollars.

During the time allotted to receiving subscriptions, appropriate and felicitous remarks were made by Dr. Fabian, the chairman of the meeting, and others.

At its close, the corresponding secretary, in behalf of the Board of Managers, returned thanks to the citizens of Providence for the cordiality with which their delegates had been received, and for the liberality with which they had contributed to the funds of the society.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

CONTRARY to our expectations as intimated in our last Report, a Revised Constitution, submitted by the Board of Managers, was not adopted by the General Conference.

Of course, the organization of the Tract Society remains as it was originally established.

The General Conference, moreover, declined to appoint a special Corresponding Secretary, devolving the duties of that office upon the Editor of the National Magazine, modifying his duties by the adoption of the following resolutions :

"Resolved, That it is not expected of the Corresponding Secretary of the Tract Society to devote more time to visiting Annual Conferences than may be compatible with his other duties as editor.

"Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Tract Society be directed to provide for the office of the Corresponding Secretary such assistance as he and they may deem necessary to carry into effect the objects contemplated in his appointment."

The Board have not yet succeeded in providing the assistance needed in the Secretary's office, but are in expectation of soon being enabled to do so. From the date of his appointment, therefore, the Corresponding Secretary has only been able to devote to the service of the Society such time as could be spared from his pressing duties as editor of two monthly periodicals.

To his predecessor, the Rev. J. T. Peck, D. D., he is under obligations for occasional assistance in the office, and for suggestions relative to its duties, at all times valuable, and rendered with cheerfulness.

He takes great pleasure in placing on record the following testimonial, unanimously adopted by the Board of Managers at their meeting in June, 1856 :

"Whereas, the Rev. JESSE T. PECK has this day resigned his office as Corresponding Secretary of this Society, and said resignation has been accepted, in consequence of another officer having been appointed by the General Conference; therefore,

"Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Dr. Peck, this Board desires to express its entire satisfaction with his services, and its gratification at the ability, energy, and efficiency with which he has prosecuted his work; and to convey to him an assurance of its unabated regard and esteem."

Among the PUBLICATIONS issued by the Society during the past year, the first place is due to

THE GOOD NEWS,

relative to which, as a misapprehension appears to exist in some quarters, we may state,

First, that it is not designed, although published at stated intervals, to compete with either of the periodicals of our Church; nor,

Secondly, to be a source of gain to the Society. But it is simply a RELIGIOUS TRACT, differing from our other publications in its general appearance and typography. It is issued in the form of a newspaper, printed on superior type and paper, and embellished with pictorial illustrations.

It is filled with short articles, original and selected, all aiming at the one great object: the spiritual welfare of the reader. It is sold at the lowest possible prices; indeed, thus far at less than its actual cost to the Society, the Board of Managers looking forward with confidence to an increasing sale of the future numbers.

We now issue, monthly, about thirty thousand copies. The circulation of as many more will enable us to furnish it at the present rate without loss. From different sections of the country we receive cheering reports of the good effects already produced by this monthly visitor. It is received and read by multitudes who reject the ordinary tract, or who, having accepted it, lay it aside without perusal. One dollar will pay for ten copies for a year, and for eight dollars a hundred copies are sent to the same address regularly on the first of

every month. The year begins in April, but those who prefer it may commence with the number for October.

It is deemed by the Board perfectly legitimate to use money raised for the purchase of tracts to pay for the Good News. It is in every sense of the word a tract; and the main object of its publication is, that it should be purchased in such quantities as may be needed, and given away from door to door. The Board, relying on the coöperation of the Churches, anticipate a very large increase in its circulation, believing that it has already inaugurated a new era in Tract Distribution.

Of the bound volumes published by the society we may advert to

THE PRIZE ESSAYS,

which were briefly announced in our last Annual Report. They are entitled respectively, *The Great Reform*, from the pen of Dr. Stevens, who generously relinquished, for the purposes of the Society, the sum awarded him by the Committee of Adjudication; *The Great Question*, by the Rev. Lorenzo White; and *Property Consecrated*, by the Rev. Benjamin St. James Fry. They may be had separately, or bound together in one neat volume, at an exceedingly low price. We have printed ten thousand copies of each; and the demand, we trust, will not abate until the entire membership of the Church, if not all the attendants upon our ministry, are supplied with copies.

THE TRACT SOCIETY'S HYMN BOOK

is a compilation of sacred poetry admirably adapted to social meetings. It has been received with great favor; four thousand copies have been printed. Of

OUR OTHER PUBLICATIONS

it is unnecessary to enter into details. At the end of this Report will be found a complete catalogue, from which it will be seen that we have complied with the specific directions

of the last General Conference, and that the number of our publications, in tract form and in bound volumes, is about eight hundred. They are sold, we may safely say, at as low a price as any other similar publications; and it is our purpose to make continued addition, as the wants of the Church at large may require.

The total amount of printing done for the society during the year is about twenty millions of pages, being :

	PAGES.
Of Tracts	6,856,000
Tract volumes	12,112,000
Good News.....	1,080,000

THE FOREIGN FIELD.

It is the desire of the Board of Managers greatly to extend our operations abroad ; and this they will do just as fast as the liberality of our friends at home will permit. Our calls are numerous and pressing, and the indications are that the field is white unto the harvest. From Germany we have the Annual Report of the Rev. L. S. Jacoby, which is here inserted. It will be read with interest, and his appeal for help will not, we trust, be unheeded.

BREMEN, December 30, 1856.

You receive herewith a Report of our labors in tracts and books during eleven months in 1856. You will see that the Lord has been with us, and that our distribution of tracts, and sales of books and Bibles, have already been considerably more in eleven months than in the whole year 1855.

PUBLICATIONS.

NEW TRACTS printed, of each five thousand copies :

64. Behold, He comes in the Clouds. 4 pages.
65. John von Lang. 8 pages.
66. How do you Consecrate the Sabbath day? 4 pages.
67. Why should we read the Bible? 4 pages.
68. The Evil, its Cause and its Cure. 16 pages.

OLD TRACTS reprinted, 46 different numbers, of each about five thousand copies.

ILLUSTRATED HAND-BILLS, new, printed for the Tract Society. Each number, five thousand copies.

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| 1. Flee from that Sin. | 5. The King and the Gipsy. |
| 2. Life is a serious Thing. | 6. Serious Resolutions. |
| 3. The Lie punished. | 7. Serious Things To-morrow. |
| 4. Death at the Siege of Sebastopol. | 8. The profane Prayer. |

PAMPHLETS printed for the Tract Society :

New. Tract Society's Report for 1856. Two thousand copies, 36 pages, 8vo.

Almanac for 1857. Two thousand copies, 52 pages, 8vo.

Do you keep it Holy? from Ryle. With Anecdotes of the Blessings of Sabbath Consecration. Five thousand copies, 68 pages, 8vo.

The Baptism of Infants. Five thousand copies, 36 pages, 8vo.

Old, reprint. Do you Pray? 4th edition, ten thousand copies, 68 pages, 8vo.

Evidence of the Truth. 2d edition, five thousand copies, 68 pages, 8vo.

Blessings of the Family Altar. Five thousand copies, 34 pages, 8vo.

DISTRIBUTION.

Printed in eleven months in 1856, old and new tracts, 260,296 copies ; on hand 31st of December, 1855, 69,166 ; making 329,462. Grant from the American Tract Society, 75,000 pages, about 5,000 copies ; bought, 790 copies ; on hand from last year, 1,435 ; making 7,225. Total copies, 336,687. On hand, December 1, 1856, 139,295 ; showing in eleven months, distributed 197,392 copies large 8vo tracts.

Hand-bills, on large 8vo paper, about 19,200 copies distributed ; children's tracts, about 50,000 copies.

We have distributed in all, since the commencement of our mission, in 1850, 956,028 copies 8vo tracts ; 192,757 copies children's tracts ; 19,200 hand-bills.

We have for sale in our Tract House not only our own publications, but also the German publications of our Book Concern in Cincinnati, of the American Tract Society, and such books published in Germany as are full of spiritual reading, and well known to have led souls to Christ, namely, the writings of Gossner, Hofacker, Brostberger, etc., all which have a good sound in the ears of pious Germans.

We have printed in the past year the following publications :

Pictorial Gatherings. Small 4to, 160 pages, 3,000 copies.

"Forget me Not," (two Scripture verses and a verse of a hymn for every day in the year.) 32mo, 384 pages, 2,900 copies.

Picture Reward Tickets, (in each packet sixteen beautiful colored small picture cards, with suitable hymns,) 2,325 packets.

Parables of the Lord, (in each packet sixteen cards, with colored illustrations of the Parables, and Bible text,) 1,025 packets.

Our other publications sell well. "Kempis's Imitation of Christ," arranged after Mr. Wesley's edition, has been sold, also Jacoby's Stories, so that both will have a new edition in the next year.

We have sold, in eleven months in 1856, 9,536 books, 15,429 pamphlets, 10,615 books for children, 1,040 packets of picture rewards, 4,556 Scriptural pictures.

We have sold, since the establishment of our Book Concern, in 1851, 37,440 books, 65,094 pamphlets, 34,790 books for children.

In our Book Concern there is also published *The Evangelist*, every two weeks, large quarto, eight pages. This paper serves not only to explain Methodism, but is also full of vital evangelical reading. It awakens the people, and brings them to the knowledge of their sins, and leads them to Christ. It has received ■ good many new subscribers, and has been also supported by our American German brethren, who have paid the subscription price for their friends in Germany, so that we had nearly 1,200 subscribers the past year. However, the subscrip-

tion price is so low, that we still depend on the support of your worthy society for the continuance of this very useful publication.

We also publish the *Kinderfreund*, our Sunday-school paper, monthly, eight large 8vo pages, with beautiful illustrations. This paper has been received very well by the people, and has gained subscribers last year, so that we will print next year an edition of two thousand copies. The beautiful cuts we received principally from the Sunday-School Union of our Church; but we owe also our thanks to the Wesleyan Missionary Society and Religious Tract Society, and to Rev. Mr. Smithies, the editor of the *Band of Hope Review*, of London, as also Brother Rand, of Boston, for many valuable cuts we received from them. Our Sunday-School Union has supported us much in the spread of this paper among our Sunday-school children.

COLPORTEURS.—Four colporteurs have labored through the whole year, and two of our assistants are now colporting, since Conference. I am sorry that I am only able to give you a full report of three colporteurs through nine months of the past year.

BROTHER FELDMANN has spent his time in the Duchy of Oldenburg and Ost Friesland, in the kingdom of Hanover. This faithful and indefatigable laborer has become to many souls a blessing, and opened the way of our missionaries to a large and hopeful field of labor. He sold, in nine months, 918 Bibles, 539 Testaments, 217 books, and 185 pamphlets. He held 27 meetings, visited 5,496 families, found 44 without a Bible, spoke with 1,380 on the necessity of religion, prayed with 243, and distributed 2,300 tracts. In some parts of his field of labor, he was not permitted to distribute tracts.

BROTHER HAGEMEYER.—This brother has his field in Bremerhaven, and is, in the shipping season, especially occupied with the emigrants, in speaking with them on the necessity of seeking their souls' salvation. He distributes tracts among them, sells Bibles and books, and in the time of preaching tries to persuade them to come to meetings. In this way much good has been done, but being not permitted to go into the kingdom of Hanover, which surrounds Bremerhaven on all sides, he is not enabled to sell many books. He sold in nine months 83 Bibles, 154 Testaments, 288 books, 402 pamphlets; held 23 meetings, spoke with 798 families on the necessity of vital religion, prayed with 52, visited in all 1,692 families, and distributed 17,057 tracts.

BROTHER STEINMEIER.—He lives in Hamburg, and is here a great help to our missionary, especially in the time when emigrants are shipped there; but his principal field of labor is in the kingdom of Hanover. He sold in nine months 1,067 Bibles, 996 Testaments, 282 books, 474 pamphlets; he held 22 meetings, visited 5,644 families, spoke with 402 on religion, prayed with 76 families, and found 82 families without a Bible.

BROTHER STETTS labors in Bremen and the whole Bremen state. He is much engaged with the emigrants, and has proved a great blessing to them; he holds also regular meetings on Sunday, on one of the appointments on the Bremen Circuit. He is a pious and faithful man; and I am sorry I cannot give you at present a more detailed report of his labors.

The fairs are here in Germany times of great frolics for the farmers and lower classes of the community. Our colporteurs go among the people, sell books, distribute tracts, and counteract the work of sin and the devil as much as in their power. On the great day of the Lord it will be revealed what good has been done in this way.

At the close of this Report, let me once more beseech you to request your Board to let us know, as soon as possible, how much money we can expect from the Parent Society. We cannot possibly do with less than \$1,000, if our work shall not be crippled. Our borders are enlarging every year, and so are our wants. Brethren, consider what the Lord has done, and come to our help.

With high respect, yours truly,

LUDWIG S. JACOBY.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

To our auxiliary societies, pervading, as they do, almost every section of the country, we must continue to look for the carrying out of the great objects we have in view. It is for them, of course, in all cases to decide upon the means by which the greatest amount of good can be effected in their several localities.

So far as we are enabled, from the information received at this office, we present an abstract of their doings for the past year.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The REV. GEORGE D. CHENOWETH is the agent of this most efficient auxiliary. The following is his fourth annual report, being for the year ending December, 1856:

DEMAND.—Families who attend no evangelical Church, 1,195—families without pastoral care, 1,037—children who attend no Sabbath school, 1,986—families without the Bible, 192—families without any other religious book, 574—families who take no religious periodical, 6,248—suffering families in need of attention, 285.

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 8—number of colporteurs in the field at date of report, 7—aggregate time of labor, 36 months, three years—number of tract stewards, 300—number of regular tract distributors, 100—number of sub-auxiliaries, 6.

DISTRIBUTION.—Pages of tracts distributed, 1,310,789—number of volumes donated, 1,187—tract volumes sold or donated, 1,568—number of General Catalogue books sold, 2,784—number of Sabbath-school volumes sold, 2,635—volumes of Holy Scriptures sold or donated, 369—whole number of volumes distributed, 8,543—whole number of pages distributed, 7,600,000.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 21,180—number of families prayed with, 4,130—number of persons brought under evangelical influence, 264—families supplied with religious books or periodicals, 9,618—number of new Sunday schools formed, 4—number of children brought into Sabbath schools, 589—number of religious meetings held, 1,132—distressed families benefited, 182—number of conversions resulting from tract labors, 34.

BUSINESS ITEMS.—Amount of funds collected by agent, cash \$3,390 50—amount of cash and subscriptions obtained by agent, \$3,507 23—average amount per week, \$80—all other contributions, \$754—aggregate contributions, \$4,144 50—amount of sales at prices charged to purchasers, \$2,008 24—profits on sales, \$340 35—aggregate revenues, \$4,484 85—amount for gratuitous distri-

bution of books and tracts, \$616 36—aggregate expenditures, \$2,274 95—balance of revenues over expenditures, 2,209 70—amount paid to Parent Society, \$325 —receipts for books and periodicals, 2,005 36—aggregate receipts, \$6,490 21—aggregate disbursements, \$4,387 10—cash on hand, \$195—value of stock on hand, \$891—bills receivable, \$1,434 24—amount of resources, \$2,520 24—bills payable, \$600 25—balance in favor of society, \$1,919 99.

Among other pleasing incidents which have come to the notice of the agent, several of which have been published in the *Good News*, he relates the following:

A colporteur, Brother C. C., about twelve months ago, established a small Sabbath school, in a private room, on the suburbs of the city, and succeeded not only in sustaining the school, but obtained a lot as a donation from a worthy gentleman, and by his own efforts raised money and built a small church, which was dedicated to the worship of God last Sabbath week. This church and beautiful property appears among the first-fruits of the tract cause.

BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The following is the report of the agent of this society, the *REV. J. F. DAYAN*, for the year ending June 1, 1856:

Colporteurs employed, 19—pages of tracts distributed, 150,000—volumes of tract books sold, 3,988—volumes of General Catalogue books sold, 5,208—Bibles and Testaments, 260—families visited, 10,204—families prayed with, 4,082—families supplied with religious reading, 5,032—families visited which attend no church, 415—families visited without pastoral care, 333—families visited without the Bible, 53—families visited which take no religious periodicals, 308—religious meetings held, 364—conversions under labors of colporteurs, 186.

From the report of the Committee on the Tract Cause, as adopted by the Black River Conference, we make the following extracts:

“Your committee are happy to learn that there has been an increasing interest and activity in this work within the bounds of our own conference during the past year, and that the indebtedness of our Conference Society has been reduced nearly one half during the year. We have to regret that many of our preachers have failed to take collections for the tract cause, and we have reason to believe that, but for this neglect, we might now have been free from debt. Seventy-five charges have taken collections, and seventy-three have not. We would also report that we have had under careful consideration the subject of an agency for another year, and though we had hoped to dispense with an agent, yet, contrary to our previous opinions, we have reached the conclusion that the work demands the continuance of an agent for another year, and that a new agent would not be as well prepared to enter upon the duties of this office, as one who has the work spread out before him. We therefore submit, and recommend for adoption, the following resolutions:

“1. *Resolved*, That we look favorably upon the publication by the Tract Soci-

ety, of a monthly paper entitled 'Good News,' and that as pastors we will aid in its circulation.

"2. *Resolved*, That the indebtedness of our society and the importance of the tract cause, demand attention on the part of all our preachers to the provision of our Discipline for a collection each year.

"3. *Resolved*, That the agent be, and is hereby instructed, so to arrange, in closing up the business of the coming year, that we may be prepared in the best possible manner to prosecute this work henceforth without an agent.

"4. *Resolved*, That we hereby approve of the action of our late General Conference, by which they provide for the circulation of Mr. Wesley's 'Thoughts on Slavery,' and other anti-slavery tracts, by the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

DELAWARE CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

This newly-formed Conference held its first session in September last, and organized an auxiliary society. The Conference also adopted the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each preacher to do all he can to circulate books and tracts among the people, and to raise funds for the tract cause.

"*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each presiding elder, and the members of the Board of Managers, in the bounds of his district, to consider and decide upon the propriety of employing a colporteur within its bounds."

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. John Allen reports for the year ending in July, 1856, 100,000 pages of tracts distributed; 791 tract volumes sold and donated; and 3,043 families visited. The Conference voted to dispense with a general agent for the year ensuing, and assigned the enterprise to an efficient executive committee.

ERIE CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

We have received no very definite information from this auxiliary since the session of their Conference in July last. A copy of several resolutions adopted by that body has been sent to us. Among them are the following:

"*Resolved*, That a tract collection be raised as soon as practicable in the year, on every charge; and the funds thus raised be sent to the Treasurer of the Conference Tract Society—the preacher retaining sufficient to supply the charge with tract publications—not exceeding one half of the amount raised."

And the following on the subject of our publications:

“Resolved, That we highly approve of the action of said (the General) Conference, touching the publication of Wesley’s Thoughts on Slavery, in connection with other anti-slavery literature.

“Resolved, That we have a right to expect the early attention of the officers of the Tract Society, or their Publishing Committee, to the instruction given them; and that we will order the anti-slavery tracts in connection with the other excellent publications of our society, and scatter them broadcast over the fields we go to cultivate.”

GENESEE CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. E. E. Chambers gives the following summary for the year ending September 3, 1856:

Cash receipts, \$896 12—pledges, \$279 31—number of colporteurs, 10—time employed, $3\frac{3}{4}$ years—amount of sales, \$2,657 28—families visited, 13,773—families without the Bible, 444—families who attend no evangelical church, 1,450—religious meetings attended, 734.

The agent appends the following remarks:

“The colporteurs, with the exception of two, were employed on commission; those two on salary. Some of the items of the summary are made from the report of but two of the colporteurs. It is to be regretted that the remaining colporteurs, though charged to do so, failed to report items. The year has been one of unusual financial embarrassment; this, in connection with the severity of the storms during a large portion of the year, which greatly prevented the assembling of the people, has largely diminished the amount of our collections.”

This auxiliary proposes hereafter to dispense with the services of a general agent, making it the duty of the treasurer, under the advisement and direction of the Board of Managers, to superintend the general work of the society; order books and tracts for distribution; employ colporteurs, and receive their monthly reports; make quarterly reports to the Parent Society, and report annually to the Conference.

INDIANA CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

This Conference has no special agent. At their last session they adopted the following resolutions:

“1. Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to take up collections, where it is practicable, in our charges, to aid the Tract Society in the publication and distribution of tracts.

“2. Resolved, That we will make a vigorous effort to furnish the people of our various charges with religious literature.

"3. *Resolved*, That the presiding elder of each district be respectfully requested to bring before the several quarterly conferences the merits of the tract cause.

"4. *Resolved*, That we will, wherever practicable, procure subscribers to the *Good News*."

MAINE CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. N. C. Clifford is the agent, whose report for the year ending July 1, 1856, presents the following statistics:

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 3, including agent, who is colporteur also—aggregate time of labor, 1 year, 8 months, and 8 days.

DISTRIBUTION.—Pages of tracts distributed, 30,047—number of tract volumes sold and donated, 810—number of volumes of the General Catalogue sold, 2,116—number of Sunday-school volumes sold, 130—volumes of the Holy Scriptures sold or donated, 294—whole number of volumes distributed, 3,350—number of subscribers obtained for Church periodicals, 106.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 6,186—number of families prayed with, 1,115—number of new Sunday schools established, 1—number of children brought into Sunday school, 130—number of religious meetings held, 90—number converted by direct instrumentality of our laborers and publications, 2, and 4 reclaimed.

The Conference adopted the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That we will heartily coöperate with the agent in the distribution of books, and in collecting funds for this cause whenever he may visit our charges.

"*Resolved*, That should the agent fail to visit any one of our charges, we pledge ourselves to take up a collection for the cause, and to do what we can in circulating religious books and tracts among our people, together with our tract paper, the *Good News*."

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

This new Conference, at its first session, held at Red Wing, in August last, adopted the following report, presented by a committee appointed by the Conference:

"Your committee having given the subject committed to them a serious consideration, beg leave to report, That they are more than ever convinced of the great importance and utility of the tract enterprise. They regard it as a very efficient agency to reach and influence the hearts of men, and to counteract the various forms of popular vice and irreligion. They therefore present for the consideration of the Conference the following resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That each preacher be instructed to preach explicitly on the subject, at least once a year at each of his appointments, presenting fully the interests and claims of the tract cause, and urging his people warmly to its support.

"2. *Resolved*, That we concur with the action of the executive committee of the Tract Society, in publishing a religious tract in paper form, and will labor to extend its circulation.

"3. *Resolved*, That we will faithfully and industriously prosecute and carry out our disciplinary regulations touching this subject."

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

At the last session of this Conference, the Rev. Charles Baker was appointed agent; and it was made his duty, by a resolution of the society, to devote his whole time to the sale of our tract volumes, and other Book Room publications, and the circulation of our periodicals.

The Conference also

"*Resolved*, That in all our charges we will put in operation a system of tract distribution, which shall enlist, to the greatest extent practicable, the energies of our membership in personal Christian effort for the spiritual welfare of the neglected, and in gathering them into our congregations and Sabbath schools."

In his annual report the agent says:

"Our tract paper, the Good News, which we presented and exhibited in all our addresses, after its publication was determined upon, met with universal favor, and promises great usefulness to the people; very many will read that interesting periodical who would slight a common tract.

"I have endeavored in every place to expose the transcendental infidelity and licentiousness of much of the popular literature of the day, and its dangerous influence upon our holy religion and the institutions of our country; and to show the proper remedy, namely, to spread broadcast over all the land the religious tract, and other issues of a truly Christian press. The Church must by some means carry her sanctified literature to the millions of our countrymen soon, or the multiplied and improved appliances, and intense zeal of others, will place them beyond our control, and greatly endanger the salvation of souls."

Owing to a severe fit of illness, Mr. Baker was not able to carry out his plans to the fullest extent; but he informs us that, during nine months of the past year, there have been circulated within the bounds of the Conference, two hundred and fifty thousand pages of tracts.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

THE following resolutions were adopted by this Conference at its session at Littleton, N. H., in June last:

"1. *Resolved*, That we cordially accept the arrangement made at the late General Conference to give circulation to anti-slavery tracts and books through our Tract Society; and we tender hearty thanks to our delegates for their successful efforts to secure that arrangement.

"2. *Resolved*, That the president of the Conference Tract Society shall superintend the general work of the society, disburse the moneys collected, order the tracts and books for distribution, employ colporteurs, etc., and shall make the annual report to the Conference Society, and also the quarterly reports to the Parent Society.

"3. *Resolved*, That the presiding elders shall aid the president in carrying out the design of the society in their respective districts.

"4. *Resolved*, That each preacher shall take a collection for the tract cause some time during the year, and pay over the same as the president may direct."

From the annual report of the president of the society, made in pursuance of the above instructions, we make the following abstract:

DEMAND.—Families who attend no evangelical Church, 280—families without pastoral care, 340—families without the Bible, 310—families without any other religious book, 117—families who take no religious periodical, 430—families suffering, and in need of attention, 230—children who attend no Sunday school, 295.

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 6—aggregate time of labor, fourteen months and eight days—number of tract stewards, one for each class.

DISTRIBUTION.—Pages of tracts distributed, 191,267—number of volumes donated, 156—number of tract volumes sold and donated, 550—number of volumes of the General Catalogue sold, 950—number of Sunday-school volumes sold, 750—volumes of the Holy Scriptures sold or donated, 133—whole number of volumes distributed, 2,383—number of subscribers obtained for Church periodicals, 196.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 3,627—number of families prayed with, 749—number of families supplied with religious books or periodicals, 903—number of families in distress benefited, 13—number of new Sunday schools established, 2—number of children brought into Sunday school, 306—number of religious meetings held, 87—number of individuals brought under evangelical influence, 7—number converted by direct instrumentality of our laborers or publications, 5.

NEW-JERSEY CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

THIS auxiliary is exceedingly fortunate in having for its agent the indefatigable J. M. TUTTLE. His reports are always interesting and highly satisfactory. The following is his report for three months only, being the quarter ending October 31, 1856.

DEMAND.—Families who attend no evangelical Church, 272—families without pastoral care, 297—families without the Bible, 21—families without any other religious book, 33—families who take no religious periodical, 649—families suffering, and in need of attention, 6—children who attend no Sunday school, 197.

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 2—number of colporteurs in the field at date of report, 4—aggregate time of labor, one year and seven months—number of tract stewards, 250—number of regular tract distributors, 150—number of sub-auxiliaries, 6.

DISTRIBUTION.—By colporteurs, 28,637; otherwise 100,000 pages—volumes of the Holy Scriptures sold or donated, 8.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 1,871—number of families prayed with, 164—number of families supplied with religious books or periodicals, 229—number of children brought into Sunday school, 18—number of religious meetings held, 140.

BUSINESS ITEMS.—Amount of funds collected by agent, \$512 48—amount of cash and subscriptions obtained by agent, \$836 24—average amount per week, \$68 85.

There are valuable suggestions in Mr. Tuttle's last quarterly report, from which we make a few extracts:

"Early in the year we were fortunate in getting a number of young men, well adapted to the work of colporteurs, who were energetic and efficient in their labors. Three or four of these, after being in the service of our society for a time, were called by the authorities of our Church, to supply stations and circuits that were destitute of pastors, and thus we are constantly liable to be crippled in losing our most effective men, who are just getting fairly into the work.

"If our people generally would, when visited by our colporteurs, exhibit sympathy for the cause, and cheer them on in their work, much more would be effected in spreading our evangelical literature.

"It will take time to get our people generally to feel the importance of our blessed enterprise.

"Yet we are scattering many of our tracts by our preachers and tract stewards, through our congregations and Sunday schools, which, we doubt not, will yield a glorious harvest."

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The resolutions adopted by this Conference indicate the well-known zeal of this efficient auxiliary:

"Resolved, That we have unabated confidence in the efficiency of our Tract Society, as an instrument in promoting the increase and prosperity of the Church of Christ.

"Resolved, That we make all practicable effort to obtain subscribers for our new tract paper, entitled, Good News; and that we endeavor to carry out in this respect the recommendation of the Board of Managers, as communicated to us by the Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society.

"Resolved, That we cordially invite the agent to commend the tract cause to our congregations, as far as may be practicable; and that, in case he cannot be present in person, we will ourselves take the annual tract collection."

The Rev. G. F. Kettell is the agent of this society. In his large and important field he has labored with great diligence. A brief abstract of his report, for the year 1856, is appended:

DEMAND.—Families who attend no evangelical church, 8,764—families without pastoral care, 9,378—families without the Bible, 6,076—families without any other religious book, 7,566—families who take no religious periodical, 10,680—families suffering and in need of attention, 877—children who attend no Sunday school, 1,761.

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 30—number of colporteurs in the field at the date of report, 23—aggregate time of labor, 54 years.

DISTRIBUTION.—Pages of tracts distributed, 1,075,981—number of volumes donated, 232—volumes of the Holy Scriptures sold or donated, 842—whole number of volumes distributed, 4,786—whole number of pages distributed, 1,478,013.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 102,215—number of families prayed with, 4,738—number of families supplied with religious books or periodicals, 2,890—number of families in distress benefited, 864—number of new Sunday schools established, 1—number of children brought into Sunday school, 1,049—number of religious meetings held, 522—number of individuals brought under evangelical influence, 634—number converted by direct instrumentality of our laborers or publications, 51.

BUSINESS ITEMS.—Amount of sales at prices charged purchasers, \$2,072 38—aggregate revenues, \$3,376 32—amount appropriated for gratuitous distribution of books and tracts, \$627 89.

REMARKS.—The New-York Conference Tract Society has been in active operation for some four years, and has employed an agent for the past two years. During the last year the most decisive and cheering proofs of the success of the enterprise have been manifest. The field of its operations has been enlarged, many new laborers have been added, and the beneficial results of its efforts to enlighten and redeem the ignorant have greatly multiplied. A large share of attention has been directed to the relief and improvement of the vicious and degraded heathen who throng the great city where its operations center. Though

many discouragements have crossed the path of its laborers, they have, in the main, been successful in carrying the Gospel among this benighted portion of society. Many have received the word with gladness. Tracts have been patiently read; the visits of the colporteurs respectfully and in many instances gratefully received; prayers solicited by numbers who before had only blasphemed; and hundreds of children taken from the streets, and brought into the Sabbath school. Upon the whole, we think that the operations of this society clearly illustrate the adaptedness of the tract cause to the moral and religious wants of the age."

NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. John Miley is the agent and corresponding secretary of this efficient auxiliary. From the last annual report presented to the Conference, we learn that the work of the society has been faithfully and well performed during the past year, and with encouraging results.

The receipts of this society for the year will be found to have exceeded those of the previous one; although, owing to one donation of a thousand dollars made last year to the Parent Society by an individual within the bounds of our Conference, which donation was not this year reported, they may not appear so large upon the Conference Minutes.

The Conference also adopted the following resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That this Conference, as much as ever impressed with the dignity and importance of the tract work done, expect, during the coming year, a tract sermon in every charge, by its pastor; and that each member of the Conference is hereby made responsible to exert himself to increase the amount of his tract collection for the next year, above that of any previous year.

"2. *Resolved*, That we still as heartily as ever commend this cause to our people, and ask their earnest coöperation in keeping all its agencies upon an active footing.

"*And whereas*, The Board of Managers of the Parent Society have listened to the suggestions made in our last annual report, and have established a periodical as the organ of our cause;

"1. *Resolved*, That we hail the appearance of the Good News with gladness, commend it heartily to the Church, and will make strong efforts to secure it a large circulation.

"2. *Resolved*, That we repeat the request, which we suppose has been faithfully complied with during the past year, that the presiding elders give the aid of their advice and influence to this enterprise, and ask each quarterly conference what has been done for the tract cause."

The following is an abstract of Mr. Miley's report for the year ending December 31, 1856:

DEMAND.—Families who attend no evangelical church, 5,227—families without pastoral care, 1,499—families without the Bible, 1,303.

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out: First six months, 5; last six months, 4; one, half time—number of colporteurs in the field at date of report, 4; one, half time.

DISTRIBUTION.—Pages of tracts distributed, 194,275—number of tract volumes sold and donated, 1,215—number of volumes of the General Catalogue sold, 2,233—number of Sunday-school volumes sold, 2,118—volumes of the Holy Scriptures sold and donated, 444—number of subscribers obtained for Church periodicals, 192.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 35,587—number of families prayed with, 4,055—number of families supplied with religious books or periodicals, 2,549—number of families in distress benefited, 499—number of children brought into Sunday school, 259—number of religious meetings held, 170—number of individuals brought under evangelical influence, 20—number converted by direct instrumentality of our laborers or publications, 13.

BUSINESS ITEMS.—Amount of sales at prices charged purchasers, \$1,857 35.

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. James C. Read has been the agent of this society during the year ending October, 1856, at which time he resigned, and was succeeded by the Rev. Luther Taylor. The following is an abstract of Mr. Read's report for the year ending October 8, 1856.

DEMAND.—Families who attend no evangelical church, 112—families without pastoral care, 46—families without the Bible, 139—families without any other religious book, 134—families who take no religious periodical, 255—children who attend no Sunday school, 339.

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 3—aggregate time of labor, 1 year, 1 month, 7 days.

DISTRIBUTION.—Pages of tracts distributed, 150,104—number of volumes donated, 150—number of tract volumes sold and donated, 2,165—number of volumes of the General Catalogue sold, 566—volumes of the Holy Scriptures sold or donated, 53—whole number of volumes distributed, 2,784.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 4,081—number of families supplied with religious books or periodicals, 1,073.

BUSINESS ITEMS.—Amount of funds collected by agent, \$1,089 92—amount of sales at prices charged purchasers, \$1,150 97—aggregate revenues, \$2,230 89—aggregate expenditures, \$2,192 37.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor, who is now the agent, has entered zealously upon the work. By letter, dated December 22, 1856, he informs us that they design to employ six colporteurs, one for each district of the Conference. He has ordered two boxes of books and tracts, and forwarded subscriptions for the Good News.

OHIO CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. Uriah Heath has been the agent of this society during the past year. He has been indefatigable in his labors; and these labors have been appreciated, and crowned with a good degree of success. In his annual report he says:

"He has traveled in his own conveyance, and generally with heavy loads, 3,496 miles; by rail-car, 931; and on foot, where he could not conveniently pass with buggy, 87 miles. He has written 507 letters, visited pastorally and prayed with 480 families, besides 107 that he could not under the circumstances have religious exercises with, though not forbidden to do so in a single case. He has preached 183 sermons, and made 18 addresses on the subject of his work and Sabbath schools. He has sold, personally, 3,065 volumes of books, and donated 196. He has distributed 10,038 pages of tracts. The original cost of the books sold in person was \$1,540 94.

"The whole amount of his purchases during the year is, at cost price, \$5,032 50; of which, by the agent and colporteurs, have been sold about \$4,500 worth, leaving about \$500 worth of books on hand, subject to the disposal of the Conference Tract Society. The course of the agent has been, to sell to all the traveling ministers at cost, and to offer the same privilege to all Sabbath schools.

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"To the preachers of the Conference who have given him such proofs of their sympathy, and such demonstrations of their ability to assist in this good work, he offers his most grateful feeling, realizing that their kindness to an agent, and their sympathy with the cause, have drawn stronger cords around his heart."

The Conference adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

"The magnitude of the work sought to be accomplished by the Tract Society, can only be appreciated when we take into view the moral condition of the world, the activities of the multiplied agencies of sin, the perversity of the human heart, the irreligious tendency of these pleasure-seeking and money-loving times, together with the insidious character of the enemies of Gospel truth. While we regard the preaching of the word as the Divinely-constituted instrumentality for the conversion of the world, we are induced to believe that the publication of tracts and books of an evangelical character may be rendered subservient to the furtherance of the Gospel. Indeed, your committee are happy to know that much good has already been done by this means. Through the agencies employed the past year, a very large amount of religious knowledge has been spread abroad, much direct labor for the salvation of souls has been performed, which otherwise would not have been; and, under the blessing of Heaven, the attention of many thoughtless souls has been brought to bear upon the revealed truths which appeal to the heart and conscience of the sinner.

"Being fully impressed with the importance of the enterprise, and having

strong confidence in the adaptation of the work to the spirit of the age, and the urgent wants of society, your committee would earnestly recommend that thanksgiving and praise be rendered to Almighty God for the success of the past, and his blessing implored that our efforts in the future may be even more fruitful.

"Your committee would respectfully suggest that, in order to establish this noble enterprise upon a solid basis, its working should be so simple and economical as to commend itself to the understanding and approval of our entire membership. The minds and hearts of ministers and people should all be enlisted. Every possible source of complaint, on the ground of expensiveness, ought to be taken out of the way. We would, therefore, present for adoption by the Conference the following:

"1. *Resolved*, That the general agency for the past year was necessary for giving a right and efficient start to the machinery of the Tract Society, in which respect it has been eminently successful.

"2. *Resolved*, That each presiding elder be urged to take the oversight of the tract interest in his district, to bring the subject before the several quarterly conferences, and to make such suggestions in regard to the employment of colporteurs, etc., as he may deem proper for the welfare of the cause.

"3. *Resolved*, That the preacher in charge of each circuit and station be requested to deliver a discourse on the subject at each of his appointments, and take up a collection for the tract cause, at any convenient time during the first half of the conference year.

"4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the presiding elder be authorized and directed to employ colporteurs to labor when and where, in the district, the interests of the cause may require."

ONEIDA CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. S. G. Lathrop was appointed to the agency of this society in July, 1855. It was deemed best that his time should not be wholly devoted to the tract cause, but he was directed to take charge of it in connection with regular pastoral duties. For the year ending July last he reports:

Colporteurs employed, 8; time of service, 2 years, 4 months, and seven days—tract volumes sold, 1,514—books of the General Catalogue sold, 3,191—Sunday-school publications sold, 2,722—Bibles sold, 367.

Amount of sales, 3,737 69.

In doing the above work, our colporteurs have visited 7,243 families, and prayed with 1,059 of these families—200,000 pages of tracts have been distributed gratuitously.

Mr. Lathrop was reappointed to the agency in July, 1856; and in a letter dated January 12, 1857, he says: "Our colporteurs are doing as well this year as they did the last, and we hope our report at the ensuing Conference will be satisfactory."

OREGON CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

Spirited action was taken in favor of the tract cause by this devoted body of Christian ministers. At their annual session, held at Portland, Oregon Territory, in September, 1856, one of their most efficient laborers, the Rev. J. W. Hines, was appointed agent for the ensuing year. We shall, doubtless, hear a good account from him in due season. The Conference also adopted an admirable report, embracing, among others, the following resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That this Conference expresses its confidence in the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and relies on its publications to enable our people, and the citizens of our country generally, to receive a literature eminently favorable to the diffusion of an earnest, liberal, and orthodox Christianity.

"2. *Resolved*, That we give to the tract cause a faithful, united, and hearty support.

"3. *Resolved*, That the Conference request the appointment of a tract agent, whose duty shall be to obtain a supply of books from New-York, through the Depository here, adapted to the wants of the people; to distribute the same as generally as possible, especially in those portions of the country which are most destitute; to engage in this work of distribution personally, and to employ the aid of such suitable colporteurs as he may need; provided that no person shall be employed as colporteur without the approbation of the presiding elder of the district, within the bounds of which he would be expected to labor.

"7. *Resolved*, That the periodical published at New-York by the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, be furnished, gratuitously, to all persons giving fifty cents and upward to the support of the cause annually."

A resolution similar to this last might be adopted with great propriety by many of the conferences this side of the Rocky Mountains.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE AUXILIARY

is one of the most efficient and vigorous co-workers in the spread of religious knowledge. This society has a Depository of its own in the City of Philadelphia, where, says the last annual report,

"All the publications of the Methodist Episcopal Church are kept for sale. It gives the tract cause freedom and facility of action. It affords conveniences for keeping on hand an ample supply of stock for carrying on the work of colportage. It affords accommodations for meetings of the Board, and of Committees, which, in the nature of the case, must be frequent; and all this without inconvenience to other establishments, or expense to the society. On the score

both of *convenience* and *economy*, therefore, the Depository has everything in its favor. But there are other and more important considerations bearing on this subject.

"In the first place, *the Depository tends to increase the moral influence of the tract cause*. By giving it a local habitation, it becomes at once the center of attraction from without, and the center of radiation from within. From without, it gathers influence with every new friend and patron. From within, it emanates influence with every book and tract sent forth from its shelves. Hence, as the Depository draws from without, its power from within is increased, because every patron of the Depository becomes a patron of the tract cause, and every dollar earned by the Depository is a dollar gained to that cause. In this way it is evident the tract cause may gain many thousands of friends, and thousands of dollars, it could gain in no other way, and in the same ratio increase its moral power.

"In the second place, *the Depository tends to inspire public confidence in the stability and efficiency of the tract cause*. Without such confidence no enterprise can hope to be successful. But where, as in this case, a suitable foundation is laid, and an earnest spirit manifested by deed as well as word, and the heart, hand, and purse committed to an enterprise, confidence must follow. The fact, that from the first it has paid its own way, without charge to the society, and that during the past year, though yet in its infancy, and having much competition, with small capital, and a location not the most favorable, the Depository has made sales to the amount of more than \$10,000, with a profit of \$1,316 10, leaving a net gain, after paying expenses, of \$316; this fact fully demonstrates its capability not only to do business, but also to increase business; for it should be observed that the Depository, while it seeks not to interfere with other establishments, is constantly breaking up new ground, and finding new outlets for business. And to this, mainly, we attribute its success thus far. Its books go into families and neighborhoods where they would not go, in any considerable numbers, through any other agency."

The statistical report of the agent, the Rev. A. Manship, gives the following figures for the nine months ending December 31, 1856:

DEMAND.—Families who attend no evangelical Church, 900—families without pastoral care 1,000—families without the Bible, 230—families without any other religious book, 300—families who take no religious periodicals, 2,000—families suffering, and in need of attention, 100—children who attend no Sunday school, 600.

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 10—number of colporteurs in the field at date of report, 6—aggregate time of labor, three years and three months—number of tract stewards, 50—number of regular tract distributors, 200—number of sub-auxiliaries, 25.

DISTRIBUTION.—Number of pages of tracts distributed, 721,622—number of volumes donated, 100—tract volumes sold and donated, 1,154—number of volumes of General Catalogue sold, 4,777—number of Sunday-school volumes sold, 8,605—volumes of Holy Scriptures sold and donated, 1,303—whole number of volumes distributed, 15,839—number of pages distributed, 4,097,472—number of subscribers for Church periodicals, 2,520.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 10,000—families prayed with, 4,000—families supplied with religious books and periodicals, 10,000—families in distress visited and benefited, 30—number of children brought into Sabbath school, 300—religious meetings held, 350—number brought under evangelical influence, 340—converted direct by our labors and publications, 103.

BUSINESS ITEMS.—Amount of funds collected by agent, \$2,000—cash and subscriptions, \$3,000—average per week, \$77—all other contributions, \$482—aggregate of contributions, \$3,482—appropriated for gratuitous distribution, \$380 81.

In submitting this highly gratifying report, the agent says:

"I deeply regret that it is at present impossible to give you a full report of the operations of this society. This will be faithfully done at the annual conference.

"The tract cause is triumphing gloriously within our bounds. I think the contributions will be at least \$5,000, and the sales, I hope, will reach \$15,000."

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

From the Rev. J. C. Pershing, who was the Corresponding Secretary of this society, we have the following condensed report for the year ending July, 1856:

DEMAND.—Families who attend no evangelical Church, 542—families without pastoral care, 551—families without the Bible, 220—families without any other religious book, 163—families who take no religious periodical, 785—children who attend no Sunday school, 163.

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 8—aggregate time of labor, two years, seven months, and sixteen days—average time for each colporteur, nearly four months—number of tract stewards, 67—number of tract distributors, 150.

DISTRIBUTION.—Pages of tracts distributed, 600,000—number of volumes donated, 121—number of tract volumes sold and donated, 1,876—number of volumes of the General Catalogue sold and donated, 4,573—number of Sunday-school volumes sold, 2,356—volumes of the Holy Scriptures sold, 1,260—whole number of volumes sold, 10,186—whole number of pages distributed, 3,049,549.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 6,352—number of families prayed with, 1,522—number of families supplied with religious books, 2,500—number of children brought into Sunday school, 200—number of religious meetings held, 368—subscribers to periodicals, 244.

BUSINESS ITEMS.—Amount of sales at prices charged to purchasers, \$4,300 51—amount collected by colporteurs, \$425—amount collected for periodicals, \$301 85—amount from circuits and stations, \$1,091 75—amount subscribed at anniversary, \$639 29—whole amount of business transacted, \$6,758 40.

The Rev. W. A. Davidson is now the Corresponding Secretary of the society, and Messrs. P. H. Laufman, William H. Kincaid, and the secretary form the Executive Committee, who have entered zealously upon the work for the present year.

PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

During the present year this society has had no special agent in the field. From the report of the Rev. R. Donkersley, made to the Conference at its last session, we make an extract which will be read with interest:

"During the past year I have visited seventy-six Churches, among which I have attended two hundred and thirty religious meetings, or within a fraction of two meetings during every three days of the year. In these meetings I have preached or lectured one hundred and thirty-four times, (exhortations in prayer-meetings not included here.) During the year my travels from place to place direct, amount to two thousand five hundred and seventy-seven miles. It will, perhaps, be far within the bounds of safety to put down the extent of my perambulations from house to house, with carpet-bag in hand, as equal in extent with that of direct travel. If this be allowed, then my journeyings for the year amount to five thousand one hundred and fifty-four miles. These five thousand one hundred and fifty-four miles' rambles, with postage and express charges added thereto, have cost the Tract Society of the Providence Conference eighty-six dollars and seventy-nine cents, or one cent and a ninth per mile! During the past year I have visited two thousand two hundred and forty-two families, to one thousand seven hundred and seventy of whom I have sold or given books.

"Since last conference I have paid for books, \$1,236 54. These books, in addition to giving away a number, I have sold for \$1,636 98, giving me profits thereon to the amount of \$400 44. The publications thus disposed of comprise seven hundred and five tract volumes, one thousand six hundred and thirty-six volumes of the General Catalogue, and twenty copies of the Holy Scriptures. These give a total of two thousand three hundred and sixty-one volumes. The aggregate of pages is five hundred and thirty-two thousand one hundred and twenty-six. In other words, suppose the volumes sold during the year to have been so many different works, and that an individual should undertake the reading of the whole, reading at the rate of two hundred pages per day, he must at this rate ply his task seven years, three months, two weeks, and one day.

"I envy not the faith, or rather unbelief, of that professing Christian, who doubts that the excellent publications thus scattered have done, and will long continue to do, a great amount of good for the spiritual interests of the individual Christian, the Church of Christ, and the salvation of men."

TROY CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. E. Goss is the Corresponding Secretary, with an efficient Board of Managers and Executive Committee. The society has depositories at Albany, Troy, and Burlington, the estimated value of which was, at the date of the last re-

port, \$3,456 55, over and above their liabilities. The following is from the report presented at the annual session in June, 1856:

"The amount of money raised in our Conference for the tract cause during the year is \$993 82. This sum was paid by eighty-two charges, one hundred and four having made no report.

"This amount, collected without a special agent and from less than half the charges, shows the readiness of our people to coöperate in this noble work, when the cause is presented before them.

"The Conference, by resolution, made it 'the duty of each presiding elder to present the tract cause to each quarterly conference of his district, at the first session in the year, to urge the necessity of prompt and efficient action, and secure the appointment of a tract steward, and at the second quarterly meeting to inquire whether the collection has been taken.'"

VERMONT CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

The Rev. Andrew J. Copeland was appointed agent for the society at the last session of the conference. During the last six months he has been actively engaged in the work of book and tract circulation. In a letter of recent date, he says:

"I have donated 132 volumes, and distributed 33,000 pages of tracts—cost of books and tracts donated, \$44.—I have sold 184 volumes of the Scriptures—whole number of volumes sold, 1,353—amount at prices charged purchasers, \$770—visited 1,370 families—I have held 59 religious meetings."

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

This society has no special agent for the present year, the tract business being conducted by an Executive Committee, appointed by the society. The Rev. M. Tichenell, who was the secretary up to the last session of the conference, reports:

Pages of tracts distributed during the year, 300,587—tract volumes given away, 346—copies of the Bible given away, 20—cash receipts for books sold, etc., \$1,069 68.

WYOMING CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

This Conference, at its late session in Binghamton, took spirited action on the tract cause. The Rev. Philip Bartlett was reappointed agent. His report for the *six months* ending January 3, 1857, gives the following items:

LABORERS.—Number of colporteurs sent out, 4—number of colporteurs in the field at date of report, 3.

DISTRIBUTION.—Pages of tracts distributed, 120,000—number of volumes donated, 6—number of tract volumes sold and donated, 226—number of volumes

of the General Catalogue sold, 431—number of Sunday-school volumes sold, 422—volumes of the Holy Scriptures sold or donated, 83—whole number of volumes distributed, 1,162.

LABOR AND RESULTS.—Number of families visited, 1,486—number of families prayed with, 101—number of families supplied with religious books or periodicals, 814.

BUSINESS ITEMS.—Amount of funds collected by agent, \$264 97—amount of cash and subscription obtained by agent, \$541 83—average amount per week, \$23 60—all other contributions, \$6 92—aggregate of contributions, \$271 89—amount of sales at prices charged purchasers, \$537 17—profits on sales, 102 71—aggregate revenues, \$374 60—amount appropriated for gratuitous distribution of books and tracts, \$61 94—aggregate expenditures, \$556 60—balance of expenditures over revenues, \$182 00—receipts for books, \$537 17—aggregate receipts, \$911 77—aggregate disbursements, \$698 60—cash on hand, \$66 40—value of stock on hand, \$840 52—bills receivable, \$71 30—amount of resources, \$978 92—bills payable, \$876 32—balance in favor of the society, \$101 90.

Mr. Bartlett says, in conclusion, "It will be seen, by comparing this report with five and a half months' report of last year, that the receipts of this half year are nearly double those of last, and the number of volumes distributed is more than double. Families visited, four times as many; families supplied with books, four times as many also."

CONCLUSION.

Having thus glanced at the doings of our auxiliaries, the Board of Managers congratulate the Church at large upon the results accomplished. But while much has been done, it is equally clear that more zealous and systematic effort is needed in behalf of this great instrumentality for the promotion of Christ's kingdom. The field is constantly enlarging; the demand is increasing continually. In the prosecution of this great work, the Board depends upon the hearty coöperation of the auxiliaries. From them we derive our pecuniary supplies, and to them is committed the dissemination of our tracts and volumes. It is not for us to dictate how the work shall be done, or to decide what specific agencies ought to be employed. Our own convictions are, that where *the right man* can be obtained, it is best for an auxiliary society to secure the appointment of an agent whose whole time shall be devoted to the work. This, however, is not in all cases practicable, nor, perhaps, desirable. The decision of the question rests with the local societies and the annual conferences. We ask them to decide it deliberately, prayerfully; and whatever may be the result in this respect, to see to it that their own plans are carried out with vigor, and that the annual collections in behalf of the tract cause, as ordered by the Discipline, are everywhere attended to.

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Our tract list has recently been revised, and many of the least valuable tracts of the old Catalogue thrown out, to make room for new tracts adapted to the present times.

Our tracts are sold singly, or in any quantity of any given tract: also in NINETEEN PACKAGES, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS.

The price of the tracts is the same whether in packages or otherwise, namely, 15 pages for 1 cent, or 1,500 for \$1, at retail; and 20 pages for 1 cent, or 2,000 for \$1, when \$5 worth, or more, are purchased.

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Oct.	Belvidere, by Rev. E. M. Griffith.....	12 30
	New-Jersey Conference Tract Society, by Rev. J. M. Tuttle...	200 00
Nov.	Orange, New-Jersey, by Rev. J. M. Freeman.....	10 43
		\$942 42

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Mar.	Roxbury German Mission Conference, Mass., by Rev. S. F. Zimmerman	\$2 00
	Second-street German Church, New-York, by Rev. J. C. Lyon...	4 39
July.	Rev. Dr. Sanford, Tarrytown, by J. B. Edwards.....	5 00

1856.	Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey, New-York, by Rev. Dr. Durbin.....	\$20 00
Sept.	Trinity Church, New-York, by S. J. Goodenough.....	24 44
Oct.	Ames, Montgomery, New-York, by E. Elliott.....	8 83
Nov.	Greene-street Church, New-York, by Rev. Dr. J. T. Peck.....	50 00
	Great Barrington, by Rev. W. Ostrander.....	10 30
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		\$124 96

NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

Jan.	Allen-street Church, New-York, by Dr. Peck.....	\$35 00
	Willett-street Church, New-York, by J. Sammis.....	25 00
Feb.	"A well wisher," Fleet-street Church, Brooklyn, by Dr. Peck...	14 00
	Sands-street Church, Brooklyn, by W. Sanford, balance of 1855	47 00
Mar.	Fleet-street Church, Brooklyn, by H. B. Keen.....	100 00
	Mrs. Ann Macfarlan, New-York, to make herself a life member, by Rev. D. Terry.....	10 00
July.	Rockville, Long Island, by Rev. S. W. King.....	20 00
Aug.	Summerfield Church, Brooklyn, by Rev. J. M. Reid.....	24 88
Sept.	Cutchogue, \$4 50; Mattituck, \$2 50, by S. F. Johnson.....	7 00
Oct.	Thirty-seventh-street Mission, New-York, by Rev. H. Husted...	1 50
	Southold, Long Island, by Rev. T. Stephenson.....	4 00
Dec.	Second-street Church, New-York, by Rev. S. W. King.....	26 03
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NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

Feb.	Wadsworth Circuit, by Rev. G. A. Reeder.....	\$15 00
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PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.

April.	In part, of anniversary collection, by Rev. J. C. Pershing.....	\$100 00
	Do. do. do. do.	150 58
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		\$250 58

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

Sept.	Sterling Circuit, by Rev. S. F. Denning.....	\$3 17
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TROY CONFERENCE.

Jan.	Monkton, by Rev. E. B. Haff.....	\$8 39
Oct.	Castleton, Vt., by Rev. G. G. Saxe.....	10 50
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\$18 89

WESTERN VIRGINIA.

Sept.	Western Virginia Conference Tract Society, by Rev. S. Steele...	\$25 63
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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

Oct.	Wisconsin Conference Tract Society.....	\$2 50
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WYOMING CONFERENCE.

May.	Castle Creek Circuit, by William Silsbee.....	\$10 50
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FRENCH BOOK CONCERN.

May.	Cash received from sundry persons to date.....	\$174 00
	"A preacher's wife"	5 00
July.	Robert Disney, Esq., Utica, N. Y.....	100 00
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		\$279 00

LEGACY.

1856.

Jan.	Abner Wood, executor of the last will and testament of Betsey C. Yole, late of Guilford, N. Y.	\$20 00
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SUNDRIES.

Jan.	P. Woods, Lawrence County, Pa.	\$0 25
	"A friend"	1 00
	Harriet Wells, North Fairfax, Vt., by D. Lewis.....	3 00
	Rev. L. Swormstedt, Assistant Treasurer, by Dr. Peck.....	50 00
	Mrs. Rev. J. T. Peck's subscription.....	25 00
Mar.	"The lost dollar found," by Dr. Peck.....	1 00
	William R. Martin, Esq., New-York, fourth and last payment for Germany, 1855	250 00
	Buenos Ayres, So. Am., by Rev. G. D. Carrow.....	2 50
May.	Enos Rogers, Durham, Conn., by Rev. G. Stillman.....	10 00
	Mrs. Rachel Palmer and daughters, Nichols, N. Y.	24 87
June.	Dr. Peck, balance on traveling expenses.....	22 27
Oct.	Rev. T. E. Corkhill, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, by Dr. Floy.....	7 00
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		\$396 89

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES.

Baltimore Conference.....	\$335 00
East Maine Conference.....	5 00
New-England Conference.....	209 89
New-Jersey Conference.....	942 42
New-York Conference.....	124 96
New-York East Conference.....	314 41
North Ohio Conference.....	15 00
Pittsburgh Conference.....	250 58
Rock River Conference.....	3 17
Troy Conference.....	18 89
Western Virginia Conference.....	25 63
Wisconsin Conference.....	2 50
Wyoming Conference.....	10 50
French Book Concern.....	279 00
Legacy	20 00
Sundry Receipts.....	396 89
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Total.....	\$2,953 84
Balance January 1, 1856.....	1,795 25
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Disbursements the past year.....	4,749 09
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Balance in Treasury December 15, 1856.....	\$762 24
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DR.—TO CASH PAID FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, ETC.

1855.			
Dec.	Rev. L. White, on account of Prize Essay.....	\$200 00	
1856.	Carlton & Phillip's bill postage.....	112 00	
Jan.	D. Fanshaw's bill.....	9 50	
Feb.	Telegraphic dispatch.....	1 00	
	Dr. Peck, on account, traveling expenses.....	75 00	
Mar.	L. S. Jacoby's draft.....	250 00	
April.	Carlton & Phillips, on account.....	1,305 06	
	Dr. Peck, on account of traveling expenses.....	50 00	
May.	A. M. Johnson's bill, frames.....	22 96	
June.	L. S. Jacoby's draft.....	375 00	
July.	A. M. Johnson, frames.....	10 00	
Aug.	J. L. Conklin's draft.....	75 00	
Oct.	J. L. Conklin's draft.....	75 00	
	Carlton & Porter's account rendered.....	1,308 13	
Dec.	Discount on uncurrent funds.....	20	
	Dr. Floy's traveling expenses to Detroit and Iowa Con- ferences.....	75 00	
	Mailing circulars.....	3 00	
	W. T. Barry, for services.....	40 00	
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			\$3,986 85

Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Account with
L. SWORMSTEDT, Assistant Treasurer.

CR.—BY CASH RECEIVED FROM SUNDRIES, viz.:

1856.			
Jan.	By balance of account rendered.....	\$496 21	
May.	Dalton circuit, North Ohio Conference, by Rev. J. J. Carter.....	20 00	
June.	Bournesville, North Ohio Conference, by Rev. E. Estell.....	10 00	
	Madisonville circuit, Cincinnati Conf., by Rev. B. Glasscock...	7 13	
	German Circuit Mission, Rock River Conf., by Rev. J. Young...	2 00	
July.	Madisonville circuit, Cincinnati Conf., by Rev. B. Glasscock.....	2 28	
Aug.	Tremont circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. E. H. Field.....	5 00	
	Greenfield station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. J. Bennett...	4 15	
Sept.	Asbury Chapel station, Cincinnati Conf., by A. Peacock, Esq.	6 07	
	Union Chapel station, Cincinnati Conf., by Rev. L. D. Barrows	34 24	
	Southeastern Indiana Conf., Tract Society, by Rev. A. G. Perkins	6 52	
	Louisville station, (German,) Southeastern Indiana Conference, by Rev. C. Schelper.....	7 00	
	Indiana Conference Tract Society, by Rev. L. Forbes.....	41 72	
	Ninth station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. W. J. Fee.....	18 00	
	Buckeye-street German station, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. C. Gahn.....	8 25	
Oct.	Cincinnati Conference Tract Society, by Rev. J. C. Bontecou...	45 44	
	Southern Illinois Conf. Tract Society, by Rev. J. A. Scarritt...	117 02	
	Illinois Conference Tract Society, by Rev. G. W. Fairbanks.....	76 33	
Nov.	Rev. H. Kalbe, of Southeastern Indiana Conference.....	5 00	
	Rev. J. M. Leavitt, by Rev. J. W. Ross.....	5 00	
Dec.	Venice circuit, Cincinnati Conference, by Rev. A. W. Tibbatts...	13 40	
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			\$930 76

DR.—TO CASH PAID FOR SUNDRIES, viz.:

1856.		
Mar.	Order of J. B. Edwards, Treasurer.....	\$100 00
May.	Freight on Reports	2 70
June.	For books donated to Rev. H. Koencke.....	75 00
Dec.	Swormstedt & Poe's bills for books donated by Committee and retained on donations.....	206 42
		<u>\$384 12</u>

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, January 1, 1856, by Treasurer.....	\$1,795 25
Do. do. do. by Assistant Treasurer.....	496 21
Receipts in 1856 by Treasurer.....	2,953 84
Do. do. by Assistant Treasurer.....	434 55
	<u>\$5,679 85</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by Treasurer.....	\$3,986 85
Paid by Assistant Treasurer.....	384 12
	<u>4,370 97</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$1,308 88

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, the subscribers, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year ending December 30, 1856, find them correct, as per vouchers laid before us.

G. P. DISOSWAY,
JOEL SAMMIS.

* * * The following sums were paid to Rev. L. S. Jacoby as special donations to the cause in Germany. They are not included in the above report, as they did not come into the hands of our Treasurer:

Rev. A. Roszel.....	\$5 00	Broadway Church in Baltimore	\$1 75
Mr. Joseph Harle.....	2 50	Rev. Mr. Cather.....	5 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Scott.....	2 50	Mrs. Biddle.....	5 00
Rev. G. D. Chenoweth.....	2 50	Mrs. Mann.....	1 50
Miss Olivia Baker.....	10 00	Mr. Pohl.....	5 00
Judge Baker.....	25 00	Mrs. Niemeier.....	1 00
Mrs. Davison.....	10 00	Mr. Scheubner.....	2 00
Rev. Mr. Numson.....	10 00	A lady in General Conference...	5 00
Jacob Grimmell.....	3 00	Brother Bersch.....	2 50

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